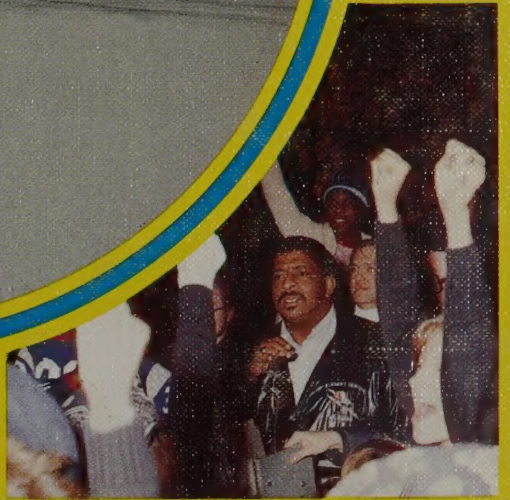
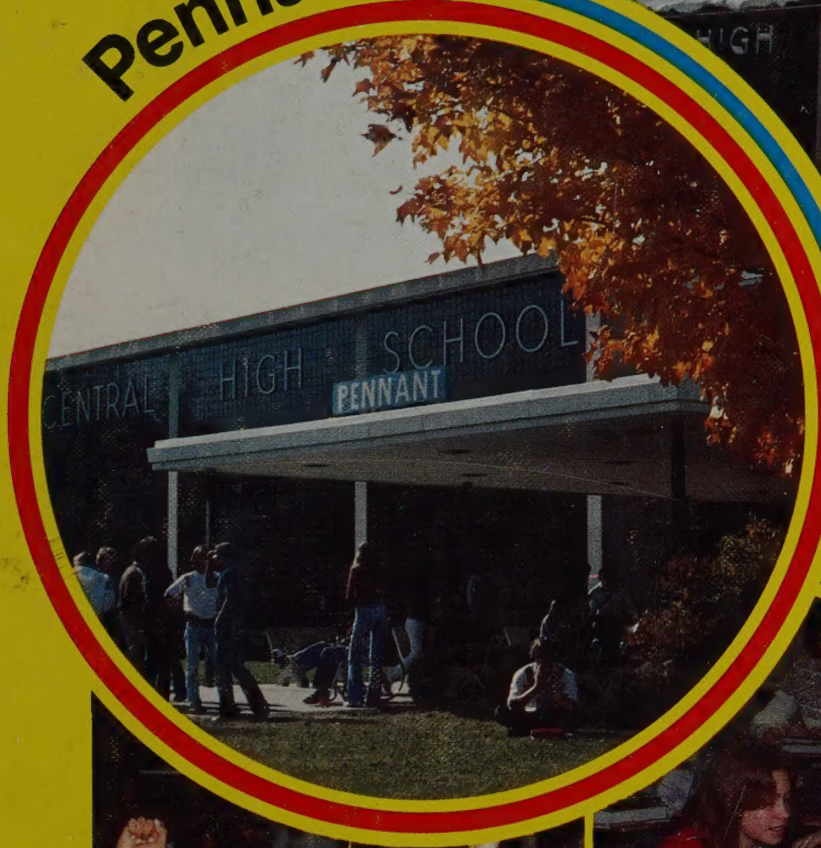


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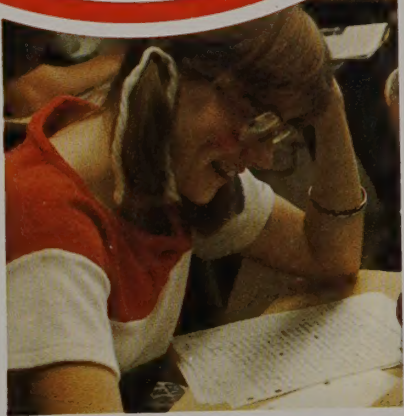
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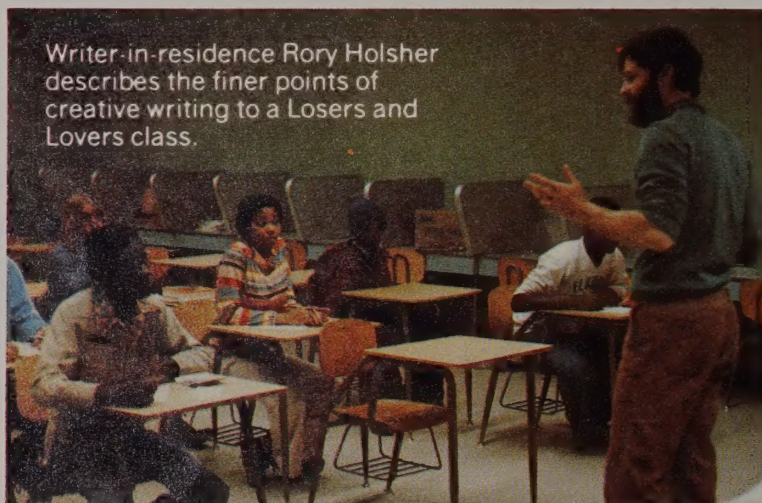


breezin'

This edition is not about Elkhart Central High School. It deals, instead, with the people who have spent the past year here, the people who have brought the school to life and, consequently, into our lives.

They, in fact, created a new attitude around this place, one that hasn't been felt for many years, or, maybe, has never been felt before.

1977-78, then, was a year to "breeze" through, to be gently caressed and prodded by the winds of time through a series of events and sentiments that eventually become our memories of high school.



Writer-in-residence Rory Holsher describes the finer points of creative writing to a Losers and Lovers class.



"A-S-D-F," calls Mrs. Mary Lloyd (above middle) as her students feel for home row on their typewriters.



A human traffic jam forms around Senora Betty Sherck as tests are returned in an advanced Spanish class.



Tuesday is lecture day in Mr. Robert Ellis' U.S. History class. Short attention spans are not uncommon.



Marjorie Zeitler and Kathryn Van Dyke (left) laugh in unison at a humorous explanation in psychology class. Steve Nystrand (below) is a bit more serious about playing his brass in unison with the rest of the band.



Concentration helps Helen Blanken and Deb Fenton maintain their first and second chair flutist positions.



"I think rigor mortis has set in," says Scott Moore as Laird Monteith pumps the chest of Resussa Anna.

tranquil

The breeze blew away the stench of strife that had prevailed in the hallways only a few years ago. Memories of war, Watergate, recession and student dissension were replaced with new commitments toward friendship and tranquility.

Out of this environment, an unpronounced philosophy of "live and let live" was spawned. The school year provided the time needed for students to use this attitude in finding themselves and their niche in high school and, indeed, the world.



Although opponents Ted Galoozis and Brook Nordstrom select the grass for a game of chess (top), Christine Rose, Marianne Pippinger and Ted McAleer prefer the cool concrete for a chat.



Scott Moore, Dave Huber and Karin Nystrand think Lori Rheinheimer (holding pumpkin) has found the right pumpkin for Halloween; but Lori wants "Rusty's" approval, too.



Kim Statler (far left) studies the turning autumn leaves as she sketches the fall panorama.

Julie Butler and Sue Hornell (left) ponder the subtle transition from fall to winter at Bonneyville Mill. Although skateboarding Randy Shantz intrigues Cathy Johnson (below), Chris Peterman could care less.



The best view of the turning leaves, according to Diane Linehart, is from seven feet up a maple tree.

friends

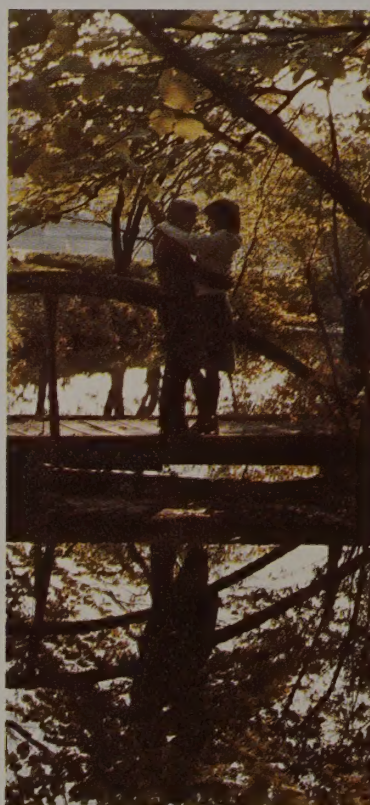
Thoughts and feelings of most Blazers were focused inward. What happened to other people in other places was of little consequence to them. As long as they were happy and secure with their friends, life was alright.

Accordingly, sharing the changing of the seasons, playing card games and striking up romances were simple, but highly significant activities.

Kelly Craven watches Paul Heaton plan strategy against his opponent, Susie Miller, in a game of backgammon.



Romance for this young Central couple is enhanced by the serenity of the shade and creek in Winding Waters.



Rather than see this red carnation thrown away on Valentine's Day, Margo Sailor decides to keep it for herself.



Irene Nand, Vanessa Van Dusen and Scott Nielson place themselves on a bridge to talk over the day's events.



Holding her birthday gift of two carnations, Kim Barrett (middle) shares a smile of gratitude with her friends Cindy Riggle, Jenny Bell, Laurie Hostetler, Donna Hunsberger, Beth Stumpe and Renee Sutphin.

Avid water skier Rob Mathias listens to a few words of encouragement from Ryan Ravenscroft before he braves the late October cold for one last trip down the St. Joseph River.



With such an array of colors along Greenleaf Blvd., Chris Quinn and Effie Froutzis can't pass up the chance for an after school bike ride.



With fall and a football in the air, these noontime athletes have no desire to join the act.

Important events of the past year were not confined within the walls of the school; but Central was at the core of much of what the students here hold dear.

The co-workers at the supermarket, the athletes who won the basketball games and lost the football games, the friends who made the long, snowy winter survivable were all probably fellow students as well.

1977-78, for us, revolves around people who, by small coincidence, attend Elkhart Central High School; people and the warm breeze that eased them through the year.



Beth Armstrong wonders why Linda Comer doesn't have the top locker like all the other short people.



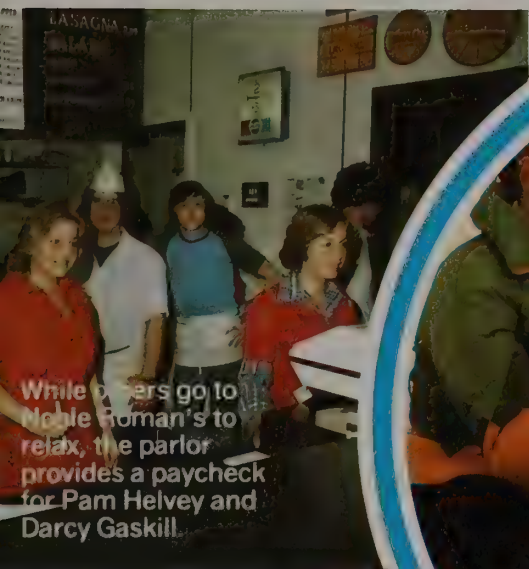
Holding his breath in suspense, Greg Greene watches his brother, Brian, stack blocks in a game of Blockhead.



Greg Lucchese, Karen Ferguson, Chris Merchant (back), Rusty Green, Leslie Vite, Gino Lucchese, Elaine Stokel, Jim Brown and Bonnie Free show how spirits before the game can induce spirit at the game.

For these true-blue, die-hard Blazer fans, a basketball game during the winter months is THE weekend activity. Confetti, paper hats and Sleek Greek shirts are all a part of the season's ritual.

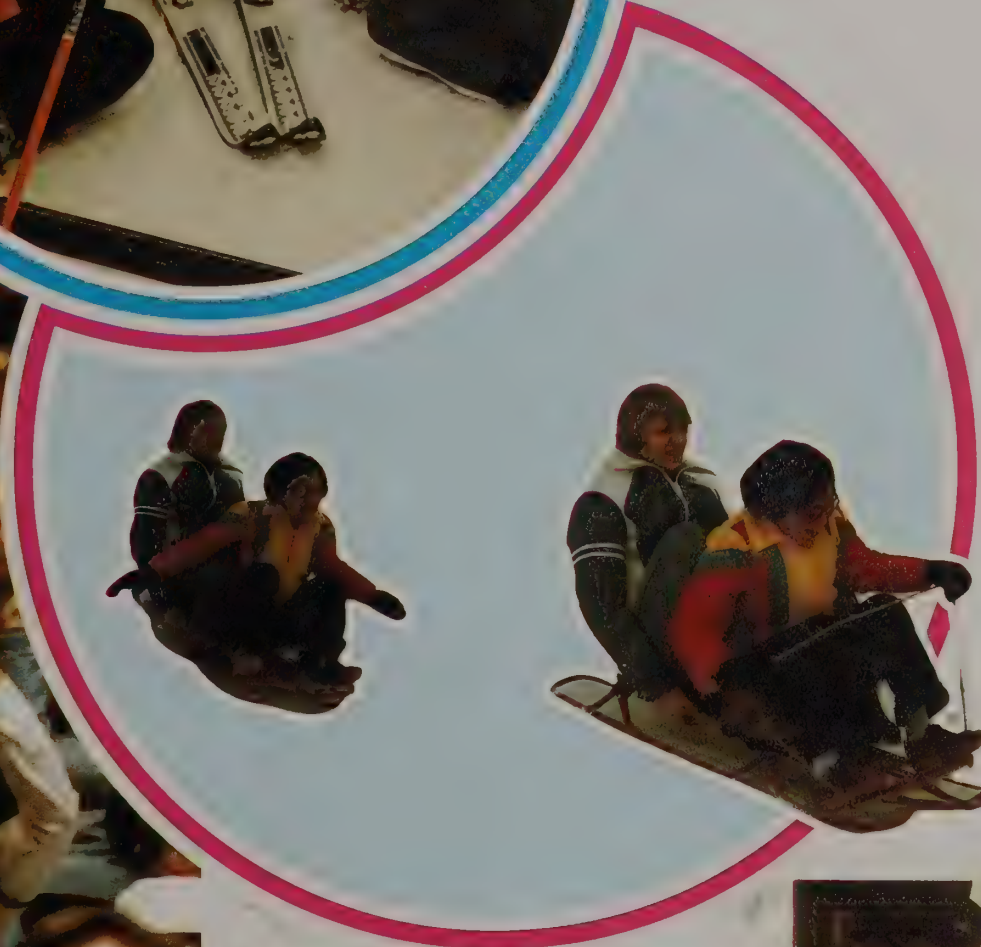




While others go to Noble Roman's to relax, the parlor provides a paycheck for Pam Helvey and Darcy Gaskill.



"Don't hibernate, participate!" The cold winter weather doesn't stop Chris Merchant, Bonnie Free and Karen Southworth from spending a Sunday afternoon at Swiss Valley, nor does it faze Jeni Ginther and Ed Huster while sledding down a local hill.



When it's time for lunch, many hunger-crazed Blazers avoid the cafeteria and frequent the fast food joints.

Lois Kline, Pat Ryan, Mike Richardson, Garry Collins and Connie Owen have it their way.

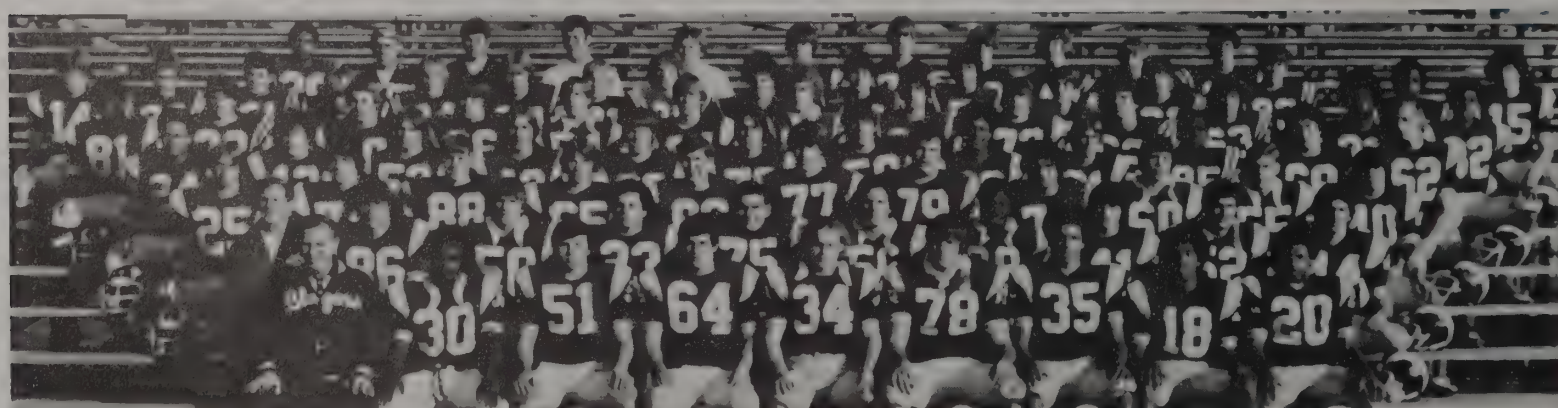
In the heartbreaking Memorial loss, Blazer fans rejoice as Central takes the lead with 30 seconds left.



Pat Buddrus, Joe Paterka, Scott Homan and Mike Fioritto all have their eyes on a Memorial fumble which Central recovered.



Following Bob LeDonne and Chris Pittman, Kelly Custer cuts upfield for a big gain.



1977 Varsity Football Team—Front Row: Coach Tom Kurth, Wayne Danner, Mike Yeakey, Steve Spano, Doug Anderson, Scott Homan, Les Bias, Chris Pittman, Kelby Love. Row 2: Coach Dave Peterson, Frank Kurth, Jeff Lyon, Dave Schlundt, Pete Hruby, Mike Fioritto, Dave Brown, Kevin Bowlby, Brad Holcomb, Bob LeDonne. Row 3: Jim Harness, Pat

Buddrus, Mike Ihnken, Scott Rodgers, Dan Glanders, Marty Donnell, Tim Fara, John Varnelli, Joe Peterka, Bob Clark, Bill Choler. Row 4: Shawn Edgerton, Dave Thomas, Mark Sharp, Dave Pairitz, Dale Swinehart, Vito Palumbo, John Singleton, Curtis Hill, Kelly Custer, Jim Williams, Mark Fioritto, Larry Nellist. Row 5: Clyde Donnelson, Mike

Kirby, Mark Yeakey, Mike Wayne, Ted McAleer, Jim Kelly, George Berkshire, Andy Dibley, Ken Neal, Brook Nordstrom, Marc Morgan, Tracy Ellison, Trent Bias. Row 6: Scott Goode, Dave Johnson, Joe Thomas, Todd Dygert, Tim Calvart, Troy Hardin, Jim Calvart, Rusty Moore, Paul Brown, Joe Garbrick, Brad Springer, Ted Galoozis, Mark

Romantez, Bruce Davis, Chris Coley, Rick Gordy. Back Row: Frank Woodyly, Coach Lynn Garrard, Coach Ron Mathias, Coach Tim Osborne, Coach Pat McCollough, Manager Brian Sinon, Manager Randy Volkert, Asst. Trainer Bruce Atkinson, Carey Lehman, Tony Young, Tony Steckly.



With Jimmy Williams (foreground) blazing downfield, Chris Pittman sets up to pass.



Stopping the opposition for short yardage are Mark Fioritto, Kevin Bowlby and Wayne Danner.

Football: by Steve Ball

Season losses reminiscent of tv re-runs, New Year's hangover

Just like summer reruns and New Year's day hangovers, losing football seasons are things that nobody likes but almost everybody has to put up with once in a while.

Central had to endure a losing season, its second in the last three years, as the Big Blue wound up at 3-7.

Going into the season the Blazers were considered inexperienced, which is a common shortcoming for many teams who have seasons comparable to reruns and hangovers. The problem was intensified by injuries to Corey Sutton and Greg Parish.

Runningback Sutton was averaging over 95 yards a game when he was hurt early in the year and top defensive prospect Parish missed the entire season.

However, injuries and inexperience could not keep the Blazers from being competitive. Five Central losses were by seven points or less, despite one of the toughest schedules in the state.

Defensively, the Blazers were led by linebacker Tony Moore, who was selected the MVP. Right behind Moore in defensive points was 6-7, 240 pound lineman Scott Homan. Five times the Blazer defense held the opposition to two touchdowns or less.

Quarterback Chris Pittman spearheaded the offense, as he was total offense leader, and teamed with Frank Kurth to help Kurth set a Central single season record with 33 receptions.

Two individual records were set by the special teams this year. Dave Thomas booted a 74 yard punt, plus Jim Harness and Kelly Custer each broke the old kickoff return record as Harness set the new mark with 264 yards in 12 returns for a 22 yard average.

In the season-ending rivalry against Memorial, the 20-17 overtime loss typified the Blazer's year of frustration and disappointment.

Moore, Kurth and safety Les Bias received some consolation as they were named to the first team all-conference squad.

1977 Varsity Football

	PTS	OPP
LW Smith	27	14
SB Adams	27	7
MC Ellison	26	16
SB Riley	21	25
David	18	17
SB Lulake	14	12
SB Strick	7	12
Mukawaka	1	47
SB Washington	0	9
Memorial	17	20

Blazer record: 3-7

Spirited Blazers stunned by loss

Days and weeks usually go by unnoticed. The homework and other student activities don't leave time for much else. So when the teachers started reading in the announcements that 'Spirit Week' was closing in on us, many began to wonder about participation in this traditional event.

On the Monday before the game with Memorial, students donned large hats and multi-patched, brightly colored overalls. Then it was Lick-em Day and Little Kids Day. This day was especially fun, though you might have ended up with a tummy ache at the end of the day from all the suckers consumed. Ending the last day of school before the game was Blue and White Button Day. The spirit really showed! People wore buttons in every imaginable place.

Then, suddenly, it was Friday morning and you realized that tonight was the night. The game with Memorial. All week you saw and felt the spirit in the participation. Now came the test.

All thought and attention was focused on the game. No one scored, but the spirit was still there. The cheerleaders were great, leading the crowd through a lot of cheers.

During half-time the band proudly performed our fight song which sounded loud and strong in the cold night air. Then it was over.

With the second half begun, the Chargers scored. In the fourth quarter we came back and scored two touchdowns, feeling we deserved the win.

There were 30 seconds left when Memorial scored and the game went into overtime. The Blazers kicked and scored 3 points. With one yard to go on the fourth down the Chargers scored.

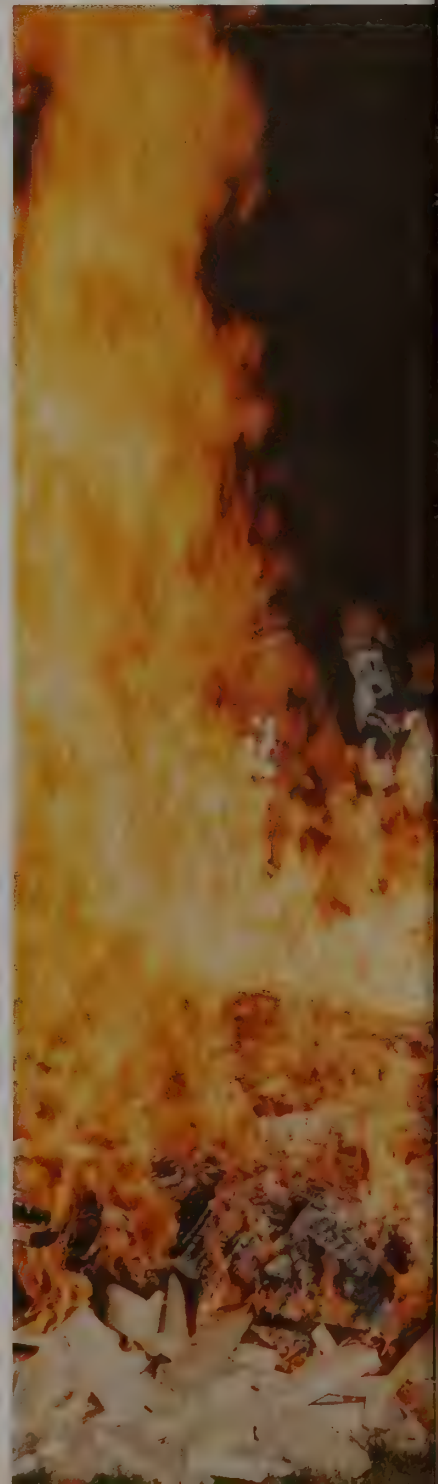
Hearts stopped beating. There was a rush of people from the Charger stands going down onto the field to congratulate their team.

The Blazer stands were basically silent. The shock had not yet passed.

Soon the field was empty and the air held quiet sadness. As you gazed up into the sky you saw it was blue with white stars—"This is Blazer Country."

Dreaming of Disneyland and sugar plums, Lisa Hanover is properly donned for Little Kid's Day.

Reverting back to her childhood, Tammy Caskey really rolled through school on her fuzz-balled roller skates.





Bill Nolan, Lorie Logan, Sue Hornell, Linda Stephenson, Cheryl Paul, Marcia Banks and Kelly Craven bolt electrifying spirit to charge on to victory.

Returning from the field house after a scoreless first half, the Blazers are ready to crush the Chargers.



Releasing pent-up energy, the football players crucify the Charger dummy at the raging bonfire.



Tennis/Volleyball

Busse's netters get tennis fever

Now that television has delivered tennis to the masses, those cracked cement public courts are crowded with people swinging tennis racquets, no longer kids on skateboards. Tennis fever has rubbed off on the high school game and the competition is by far keener than ever. Central Coach Russ Busse is evidently following this popular trend.

Traditionally the city of Elkhart has produced solid tennis teams and 1977 was no exception. The Blazers finished in a second place tie in the NIC with crosstown nemesis Memorial behind South Bend Riley. Both schools were 7-2 in conference competition. The Blazers' overall mark ended up at 11-5.

Just mentioning Memorial would make even the lighthearted Busse depressed. Memorial defeated Central twice in '77, the second time in the sectional's second round. That loss very likely kept the Blazers from going all the way to semi-state, as the winner of the Elkhart sectional was practically a semi-state shoo-in.

Even though the season ended early, Busse stated he was happy with the way the team performed throughout the year.

His basic line-up was: No. 1 singles—Bill Nolan; No. 2—Jim Peterman; No. 3—Matt Rueff; No. 1 doubles—Bob Alexander and Tom Tueting; No. 2—Greg Busse and Doug Miller.

Volleyballers improve, rank seventh in NIC

While boys were hitting with their racquets on the outside courts at Central, volleyballers were spiking the ball inside at Pierre Moran.

"Improvement of basic skills was the major success of this year's girls' volleyball team," stated Coach Frances Brown.

Playing in the toughest conference in the state proved to be most challenging for the girls. Although the record of 6-15 was disappointing, Coach Brown felt that the Blazers' level of play came closer to that of the South Bend schools than in previous years.

Led by MVP Becky Wiskotoni, the team finished 7th in the NIC, highest of the Elkhart County schools and made it to the semi-finals of sectionals. Myra Bartlett, another team leader, was named as this year's Mental Attitude Award recipient.



	ECHS	OPP
Goshen	4	1
SB Adams	3	2
NorthWood	4	1
Jimtown	2	3
SB Riley	0	5
SB LaSalle	4	1
Bremen	3	2
SB Washington	5	0
MC Elston		
Burn	3	2
Mishawaka	5	0
Memorial	1	4
Concord	2	3
SB Clay	3	2
Sectional		
NorthWood	4	1
Memorial	2	3

Top singles man Bill Nolan begins to follow through on his service.

Season record: 11-5



Number two singles player Jim Peterman lifts a lob from deep behind the baseline.

Sheila McNiele executes an overhead pass as Mary White waits to take the second hit.



Marilyn Melkus bends down to perform the bump pass as her teammates look on with anticipation.



Kathy Dobson winds up for a powerful serve against Michigan City.



Girls' Volleyball—Front Row: Mary White, Becky Wiskotoni, Betsy Johnson, Myra Bartlett, Rita Burkey, Vicki Lee, Jeanie Prange, Patti Matz. Back Row: Coach Frances Brown, Mary Kramer, Sheryl Lowenhar, Julie Campbell, Sheila McNiele, Margaret Pelton, Marilyn Melkus, Tracy Lewis.



Varsity Tennis Team—Front Row: Tom Tueting, Jim Peterman, Bob Alexander. Back Row: Bill Nolan, Doug Miller, Matt Rueff, Greg Busse. Not pictured is Coach Russ Busse.

1977 Varsity Volleyball Games

Goshen	15-13	7-15	15-11	W
Wawasee	15-8	7-15	14-12	W
NorthWood	3-15	13-15		L
Penn	15-8	1-15	12-14	L
Mishawaka Marion	3-15	15-10	2-15	L
Concord	12-15	4-15		L
Mishawaka	4-15	10-15		L
South Bend Washington	7-15	10-15		L
South Bend Riley	13-15	3-15		L
Northridge	15-13	7-15	10-15	L
South Bend Adams	3-15	9-15		L
South Bend LaSalle	2-15	9-15		L
Hammond Gavit	3-15	15-13	7-15	L
Portage	8-15	15-13	15-13	W
Memorial	15-8	7-15	15-6	W
Michigan City Elston	10-15	15-7	15-4	W
South Bend Clay	14-10	10-15	3-15	L
Munster	7-15	6-15		L
Hammond Morton	8-15	0-15		L

Season record: 5-14

A double hitchin' was hereby proclaimed by Tom Grove for Cheryl Schneider, Kathy Coulter, David Hostetler and Dave Hart.

While couples wait to tie the knot in a 25¢ slip-shot marriage, (below right) David Carr and D. Anne Wolford have already begun their honeymoon.



Marriage for Cynthia Hill and Les Bias is all fun and games as dumb-struck Mike Pollock observes.

Although costumes ran the gamut on design, everyone shared the desire to dance to foot stompin' music.



Holding her wedding cake and hitchin' certificate, Bonnie Free tips her hat to married life.



Swirling in her dress, Stacey Reber gazes into Pat Welch's eyes as they stomp in time.



Sadie Hawkins by Me Me Chung

'Gotcha!' yells gals as they harness fellas

Girls gathered in huddles, whispered and broke into fits of giggles. Fellas waited in anticipation.

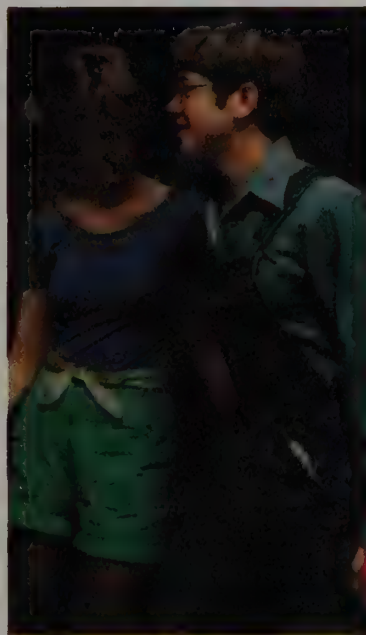
As Sadie Hawkins came closer, the number of daydreamers in class increased and many conversations revolved around the Sadie. It was obvious when a fella had just been asked; the girl practically skipped away beet red with happiness or rejection.

Schoolwork was set aside for gossip and while walking through the halls, anyone could pick up a multitude of information. "Did you hear who . . ., I'm so chicken . . ., What if he says no?"

The day of the Sadie was spent sewing last minute costumes and tending to emergencies that inevitably cropped up. But doggone-it, the night of the "silvery moon" approached and all Sadie goers had transferred into Lil' Abners and Daisy Maes!

Couples dressed in overalls, homemade dresses, and sawed off jeans, came in all sizes and shapes. Some looked as if they had already encountered the haystack. Black freckles and cock-eyed pigtails, mis-matched socks and shoes livened the atmosphere as everyone slipped into hilly-billy drawl. Those chewing lazily on pieces of straw completed the down home feeling.

The evening wasn't considered complete until everyone had gone down yonder to be hitched by the notorious Marryin' Sams in a candlelight ceremony. The "distinguished" preachers performed the sacred marryin' ties dutifully, throwing an extra tidbit here and there sending the couple at the altar into uncontrollable laughter. Plastic turkey rings and a marriage certificate joined the couple in holy matrimony and of course, as always, the blessed event was sealed with the traditional kiss by the light of the silvery moon.



Pig-tailed Sally LeBarron and farmer George Foster hoe-down their way through the night.

Whether using a bullhorn or not, when Marshall Sellers speaks, people listen (far right).

Rounding a corner, Steve Nystrand tails an opponent closely.

Pat Welch tries to lose an opponent as he gasps for oxygen.



Mark Madigan (foreground) and Steve Nystrand give a small demonstration of bunching.



1977 Cross Country

	ECHS	OPP.
SB Adams	16	47
SB Clay	15	50
MC Elston	24	32
SB LaSalle	18	45
Memorial	24	34
Mishawaka	20	35
Penn	24	31
SB Riley	21	40
SB Washington	19	44

Season record: 9-0

Dutch Heinhuis, Central's leading harrier, strides for the finish.

Cross Country by Steve Ball

Blue Bunch posts 54-0 dual record in six years

Cross country runners come and go through Elkhart Central, some great and most of them good, and no matter who is running for the Blue Bunch the results are almost always the same. This year was no different as the Blazers ran through the season undefeated and won the sectional.

However, one face has stayed the same through all the victories and championships: Marshall Sellers. Sellers has been called many things by many people, but one thing nobody can call him is a loser.

For instance, this year's seniors who have gone through three years of cross country have won 27 dual meets without a loss, have captured two sectionals (this year and 1975), one regional and have always qualified for the regional. Since Central was formed six years ago, the team dual record is 54-0.

There is good reason why Sellers and his Blue Bunch run by their opponents in literally a blue bunch. Sellers has his team run about 19 miles a day, 6 miles for breakfast and 13 for supper.

This training leaves the Blazer harriers starved for competition on meet day. Sellers strives to get his runners to be able to run together in a swift pack, and how the Blazers are "bunching" shows how well they are running.

In the regional, where the season ended with a fifth place performance, the bunch disintegrated and a lack of balanced performance by the whole squad doomed the Blazers.

Cross country's version of the starting lineup is the top seven. Central's top seven for '77 was Dutch Heinhuis, Pat Welch, Rusty Green, Mark Madigan, Doug Zehr, Steve Nystrand and Jeff Varnos.

Heinhuis was named best senior, Madigan received the best junior award and Nystrand was named the best sophomore.

All school musical

Central is alive with 'Sound of Music'

Liesl (Elise Snyder), Marta (Sonia Simmons), Gretl (Kellie Fogerty), Brigitta (Susie Vamos), Maria, Georg, Friedrich (Ross Burdin), Louisa (Jody Moore), and Kurt (Stefan Simmons) von Trapp include "Edelweiss" in their performance at the Koltzberg Festival.

Franz (Mike Ehret) pours tea for Frau Schraeder as the children and Maria amuse themselves on the terrace.



New governess Maria calms the children during a thunderstorm with her musical tale of "The Lonely Goatherd."

Von Trapp children delight party guests with the "So Long, Farewell" taught them by Maria.





Captain von Trapp takes time to settle a petty disagreement between Elsa Schraeder (Becky Vamos) and Max Detweiler (Larry Crump).

Maria (Mary Francell) and Georg (Ryan Burdin) sing of the love they finally realize they share.



In leading roles were Mary Francell, Ryan Burdin, Elise Snyder, Ross Burdin, Jody Moore, Stefan Simmons, Susie Vamos, Sonia Simmons, and Kellie Fogerty.

Supporting characters were played by Larry Crump, Becky Vamos, Vicki Atwater, Kevin Quarandillo, Eleanor Rose, Amy Stephenson, and Kelly Kelsey.

The nun's chorus was comprised of Jennifer Cheyne, Deb Paulson, Beth Armstrong, Susie Miller, Sheila Bracken, Daphne Rochford, Derrilyn Williams, Lori Rheinheimer, Effie Froutzis, Debbie Kelsey, Susan Clark, Michelle Thursby, Eileen Stephenson, Gwen Ewart, Kathryn Wells, Marianne Terlep, Margo Sailor, and Cynthia Hill.

Minor roles were played by Mike Ehret, Cathy Wyatt, Joe Shanholt, Jamie Shaw, Lola Hershberger, Doug Warner, Chris Quinn, Beth Schrock, Charlie Rose, and Paula Yoder.



Behind scenes effort recreate hit musical

"**T**he hills are alive with the sound of music, with songs they have sung for a thousand years." Thus opened this year's musical, **The Sound Of Music**.

Back in September, many people were wondering if the hills really would come alive. But by early November, it was apparent that not only were the hills alive, but they were bursting forth with energy.

Veterans of the Central stage had the difficult task of coping with the absence of the past directors of six years. But the entire cast and crew proved that with the guidance of this year's production head, Mr. Dennis Phipps, director, Mr. John Murray, assistant director, Mr. Tom Grove, and orchestra director, Mr. Al Blickensderfer, they could still pull off four performances and receive four standing ovations.

Typical of any production are the remarks made by directors and cast and crew members that will often be remembered for their special significance. **Sound Of Music** people may recall:

"Here comes the kissing scene (snicker, snicker)!"

"Nuns do not wear hot pink socks. Get rid of them or we'll paint your legs black."

"Pinrail needs love too!"

"Those are some bad habits, Miss Menzel."

"If they don't fall asleep during this scene, it'll be from sheer politeness."

"Lay one hand on those props and I'll have your neck!"

"Sing, Sing, SING!"

"Hey . . . I love you all. This play is terrific!"

Of course, there is no such thing as a flawless performance; forgotten shoes, late chandeliers, and broken scrims were subtle reminders that nothing is perfect. But despite mistakes, as Mary Francell expressed, "The cast was really close, and we worked well together. There weren't a lot of petty differences. That's what is important in putting together a good show."

"The hills are indeed alive," claimed Mike Ehret thoughtfully, "and so are the many warm memories in the hearts and mind of the cast and crew. These memories will stay . . . throughout the coming years because there's 'No Way to Stop It.' "

Seven children prepare for the wedding ceremony of their father and Maria.

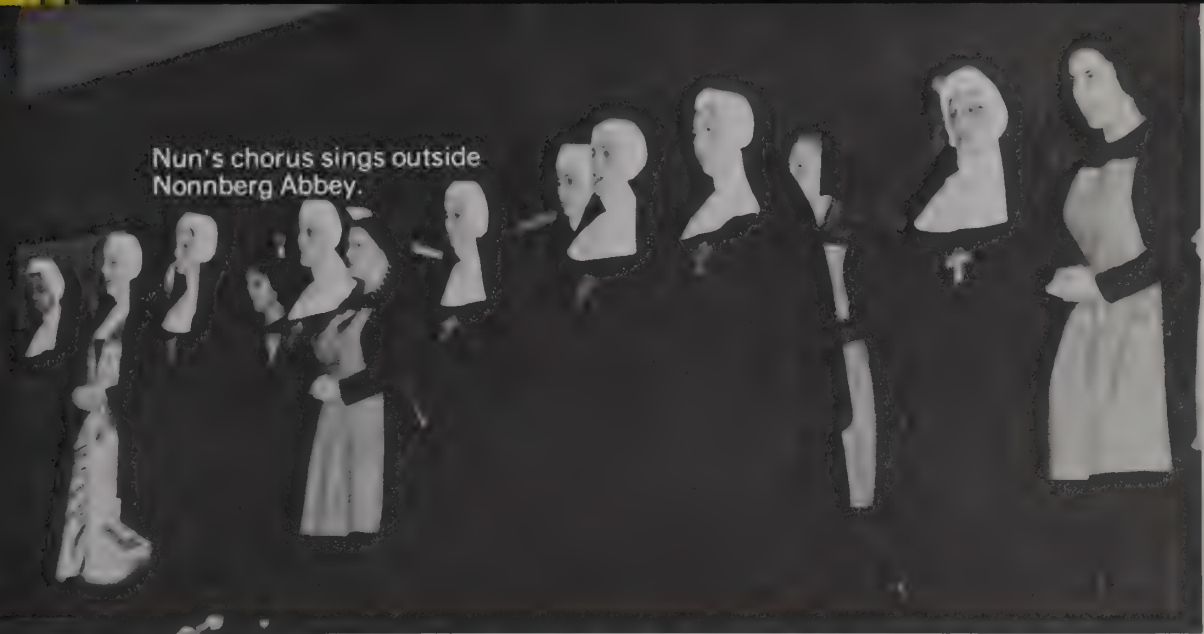
"How do you solve a problem like Maria?" wonder Sister Margaretta (Amy Stephenson), Sister Sophia (Kelly Kelsey), the Mother Abbess (Vicki Atwater), and Sister Berthe (Eleanor Rose).



Admiral von Schreiber (Jamie Shaw), Herr Zeller (Joe Shanholt) appear with news of Georg's commission.

Maria and Georg solemnly approach the cathedral where their wedding will take place.

Nun's chorus sings outside Nonnberg Abbey.

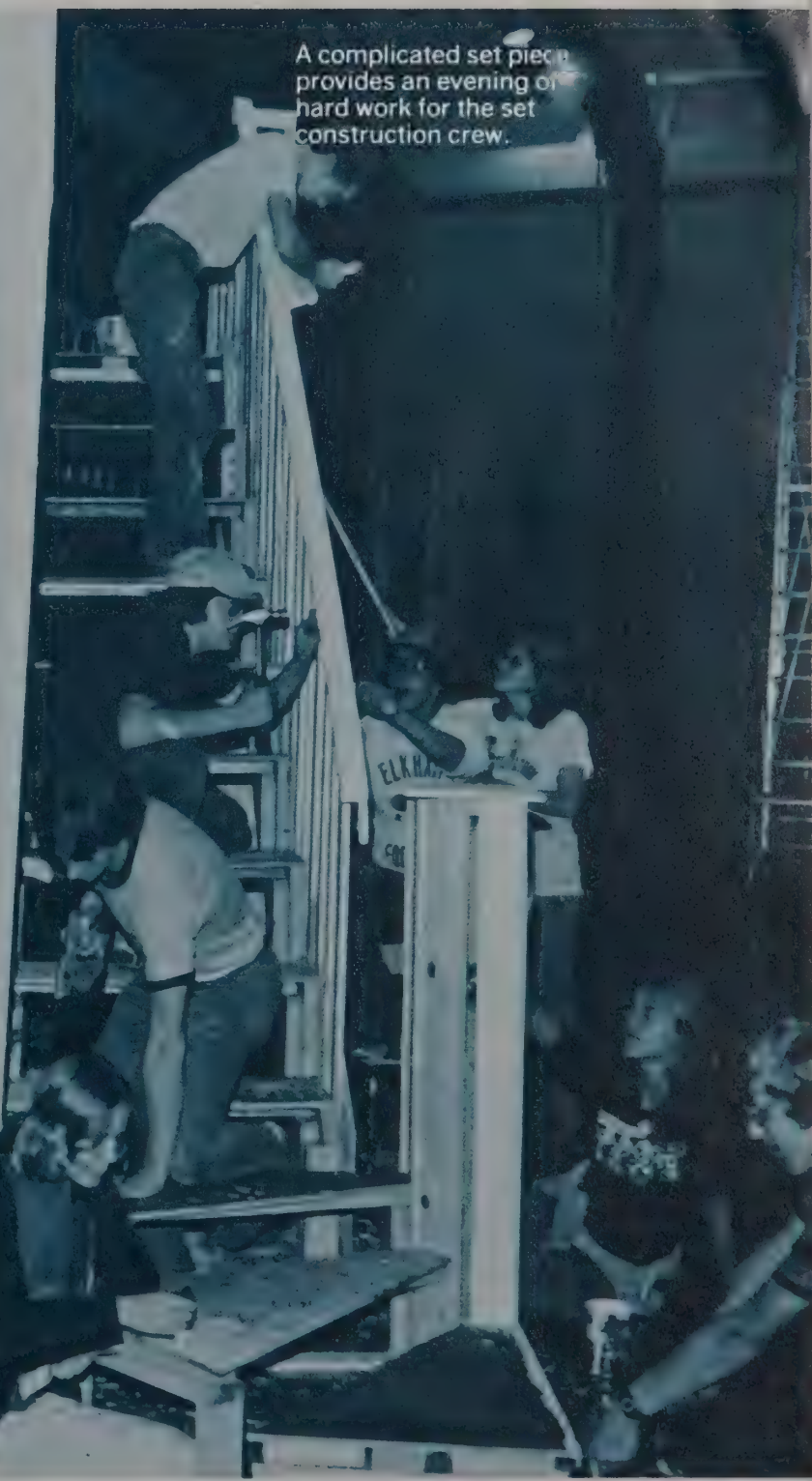


Crew heads were Angie Bierbaum, Michele Anderson, Dan South, Tom Shoff, Mike Yeakey, Debbie Smith, Mike Ehret, and Marilyn Elliott.

Members of the crews were Tim Armstrong, Joe Bostian, Jorma Latua, Alan Lowe, Marco Morgan, Mark O'Brien, Joe Peterka, Liz Peters, Phil Rees, Diane Stone, Nancy Watson, Barb Pairitz, Jay Schrock, Bill Matthews, Tony Delserone, Chris Kelly, Tim Schenk, Janet Bierbaum, Larry Crump, Linda Duvall, Kathleen O'Connell, Becky Schwinndaman, Cathy Stephenson, Eileen Stephenson, Lori Stickel, Paul Heaton, and Carol Thornton.



A complicated set piece provides an evening of hard work for the set construction crew.





Criss,
your pretty nice
for a short person.
I wish you would tell me
what you've been buggin' me about
good luck forever. Matt VanDyke

Where were you during the Blizzard of '78?



Since Steve Ball didn't winterize his car, Leslie Granger and Mike Wargo have to help him pay his slippery dues.



After a week away from school, these students measure the height of the drifts by the sidewalk.

*Winds of 52 mph
wind chill factor
of 30° below
sweeps 24" snow*



Cross country skis were the only way Bill Johnson could get around after the Great Blizzard of '78 struck.

On the morning of January 26 Central students woke up to snow piled to car tops. Cries of joy came from all directions when R. C. Rogers of WRBR said, "We have so many announcements that we're saying just stay home. All businesses are closed, all schools are closed, everything's closed. So, go back to bed!" Many students saw the blizzard as a blessing, but, in fact, it was one of Indiana's greatest disasters.

President Carter declared Indiana a state of disaster. Federal funds were sent in for payment of snow removal crews and for food, shelter and business repair.

Hurricane winds of 52 mph, with wind chill factors of 30 below zero swept 24" of snow to roof tops, across driveways and through the busiest of streets. Most Central students were shut in for four to six days and had to find means of keeping warm and content.

The movie theaters, malls, and other crowd-gathering places were closed. It was difficult to snowmobile or cross country because of the snow's record-breaking depth.

Central students involved themselves in other exciting activities. John Singleton, Pat Kelly, Jay Cavitt and Jeff Lyons, better known as the "Boys from Room 318," spent three and a half days at a Quality Inn in South Bend. After seeing the Nazareth concert at the ACC they discovered that their car had been locked up in a garage and, because of deteriorating road conditions, they had no way of getting home.

For the next 3½ days they entertained themselves by participating in elevator races, pitching pennies and eating lots of roast beef.

Because their savings totaled twelve dollars, Jay's mother asked that their bill be sent to her. The whole affair, they said, was a lot of fun but, when the three hundred and eighteen dollar bill from the inn came home, another disaster began to blow.

Senior Mike McAfee used his four wheel drive to transport WTRC people to work. This was a break from the monotony of cabin fever.

Several people made money from shoveling out driveways, pulling cars out of drifts and hiking to stores for food and other supplies. Central students had an opportunity to speak to neighbors they hadn't seen in a long time.

By the Wednesday after the storm, many had had their fill of reading and listening to albums, and many students were eager to see their friends again.

On February 2 at 8 a.m. students piled into Central for their weekly classes again, only this time there was a different atmosphere that filled the air. Excitement, joy, and happiness were all around.

The snow from that storm stayed well into March, but surely stories about Central students' winter experiences will remain.

Hard work propels Wave to sectional win

"**H**ard work . . . coming in to morning practices and practicing five or six times a week," largely led to the success of this year's Blue Wave girls' swim team claims coach Karen Leeth.

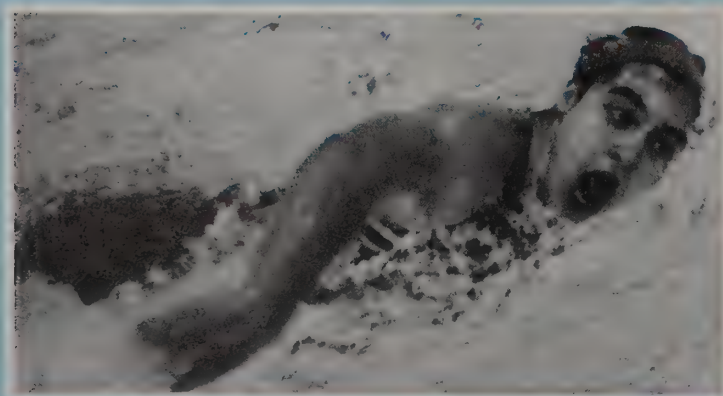
With goals set as high as winning the Sectional, the Goshen Relay, and placing second in the Diving Invitational, the team had much to strive for. They accomplished these goals and more by winning all three. The Blue Wave also finished an outstanding third in the NIC.

Out of the Sectional championship team came the following State qualifiers: Sue Harreld, Marianne Arko, Jamie Sachs, Karen Ferguson, Chris Merchant, Tracy Grubb, Tracy Pfaff, and Miki Miller.

These girls compiled enough points to place the team 16th in the state. Sophomore Tracy Grubb received the highest honor of the Central swimmers by placing 4th in the diving competition.

The divers, who will all return next season, were helped greatly by the new assistant coach Chuck Best. "Having a diving coach who could stay there with the divers all the time and work with them really helped," commented Mrs. Leeth.

Honors were also given to other members of the team for their outstanding performances. Nina Free, Tracy Grubb, Sue Harreld, and Karen Ferguson all received High Point awards for their respective classes. Miki Miller was this year's High Point diver while Sue Thompson received the Mental Attitude award. The Most Valuable Participant and the Over All High Point trophies were won by Sue Harreld for her outstanding leadership and swimming ability.



With her powerful freestyle stroke, Kim Lidy swam her way to the girls' swimming scholarship.

Coach Chuck Best instructs Tracy Pfaff on her next dive during the Diving Invitational.



In flight, Tracy Grubb strikes a front dive with near perfection.



Coming up for a breath, Marianne Arko, checks her opponents during the breaststroke competition.



After capturing the sectional title, the girls of the Blue Wave assist MVP Sue Harreld in cutting a flag with which to remember the championship.



Girls' Varsity Swimming Team—
Front Row: Mary Anderson, Sue Thompson, Chris Merchant, Bonnie Free, Karen Ferguson, Theresa Fons,

Kim Lidy. Row 2: Kim Young, Peg Stokel, Edith Rolfsen, Carla Nye, Jamie Sachs, Lydia Rodino, Marianne Arko, Sue Harreld, Lynn Altemeyer.

Row 3: Deb Fenton, Diane Schlundt, Kris Southworth, Kathleen Laughlin, Katie Frahm, Lanie Mossey, Nina Free, Joan Anderson, Cheryl Paul.

1977 Girls' Swimming		
	ECHS	OPP
Tippecanoe Valley	131	41
South Bend Clay	112	59
Wawasee	98	76
Concord	106	66
S.B. LaSalle	91	81
Goshen	103	66
Memorial	103	63
Munster	64	108
Culver	102	70
Mishawaka	115	58
S.B. Adams	85	87
Highland	93	79
S.B. Washington	109	60
S.B. Riley	98	72
Penn	111	61
Merrillville Relays	7th	
Diving Invitational	1st	
Goshen Relays	1st	
NIC Tourney	3rd	
Sectional	1st	
State	16th	

Season record: 13-2

Row 3: Tracy Pfaff, Tracy Grubb, Mickie Miller, Linda Comer, Asst. Coach Chuck Best, Coach Karen Leeth.

Rowdie rascals spark **BLAZERMANIA**

A new word was introduced into the Central dictionary this year. It's called "Blazermania." You can't understand this word by reading its definition: you have to experience it.

Those dedicated Blazer fans who loyally spent their Friday and Saturday nights at North Side Gym watching the Big Blue win basketball games know what it means. In fact, they were responsible for creating the word.

In doing so, they added a new definition to a more conventional word, "spirit." Many fans among Central's rowdy regiment replaced E sweaters with "Sleek Greek" shirts and paper hats, and worn out cheers with distinctly new ones.

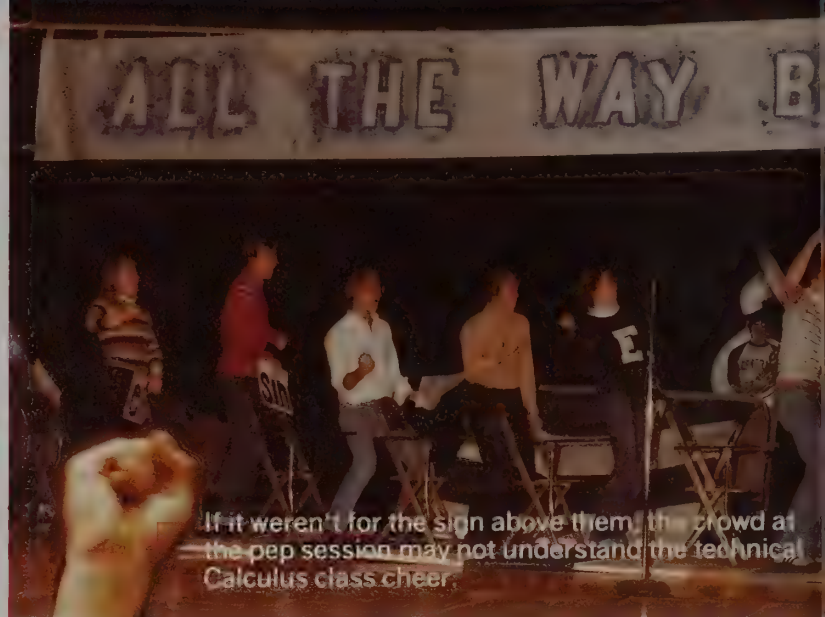
"We will, we will beat you!"

"Coach Kindy, won't you smile for us!"

"California oranges, Texas cactus, we play Concord just for practice!"

And, of course, there was "Aaaaoooww," the silent cheer and the Gong Show Dance.

Maybe none of these make sense to you, but, as was said before, you had to be there to understand it.



If it weren't for the sign above them, the crowd at the pep session may not understand the technical Calculus class cheer.



The men from the Sleek Greek Brigade grunt, but withstand the strain of a human pyramid with the cheerleaders.

With so much to cheer about, Vaughn Wamsley is one of many fans who spontaneously becomes ROWDIE!



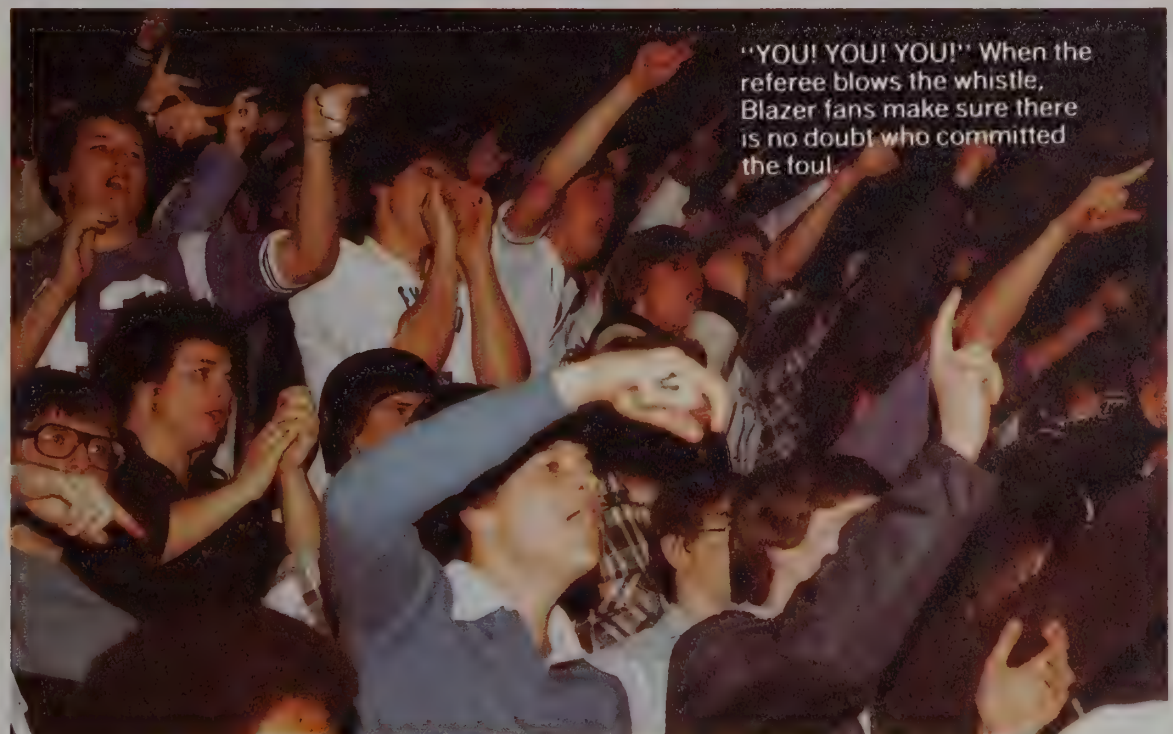
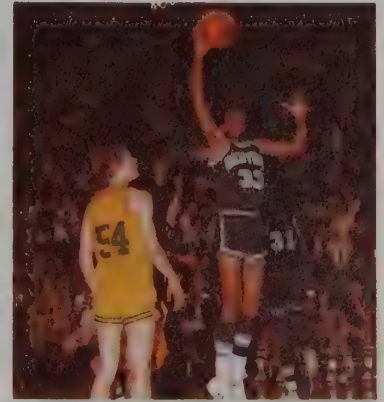
If anyone can spell B-L-A-Z-E-R, it should be the gang from NHS; but at the pep session they had trouble.



Eddie Holt executes an 18-foot jumper in the sectional championship game before a packed North Side Gym.



Chris Pittman, with shots like this, is just one of many Blazers who constantly bring the fans to their feet.



Varied expressions on the faces of Central's emotional fans show the mixed sentiments felt during the game.



These Blazerites let the crowd know they are more interested in the newspaper than Northridge's line-up.

Dan Glanders powers towards the basket to lay the ball up as Jim Grandholm waits for the rebound.

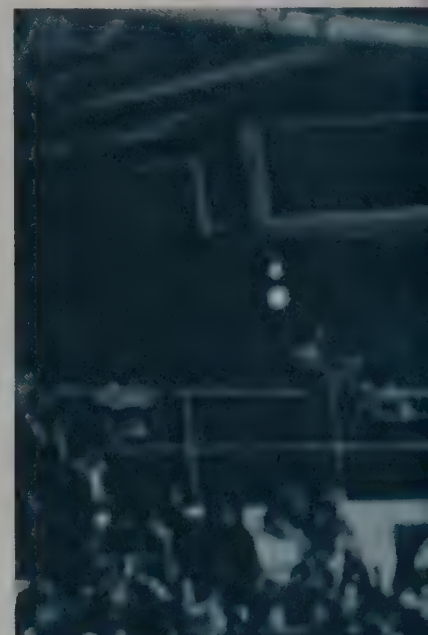
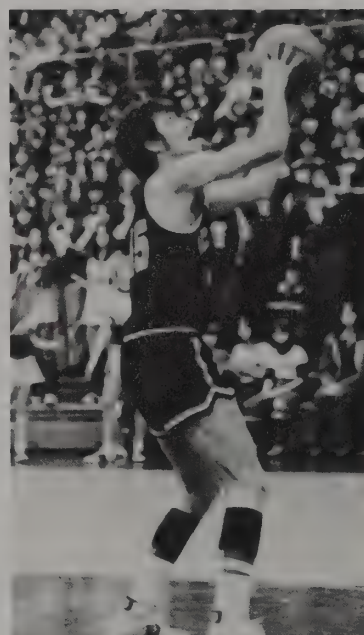
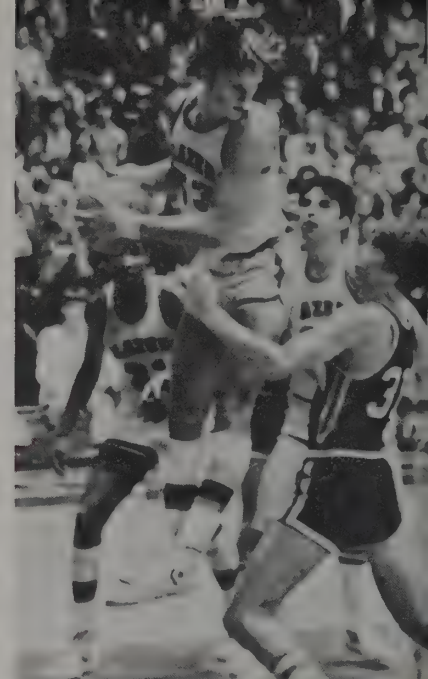
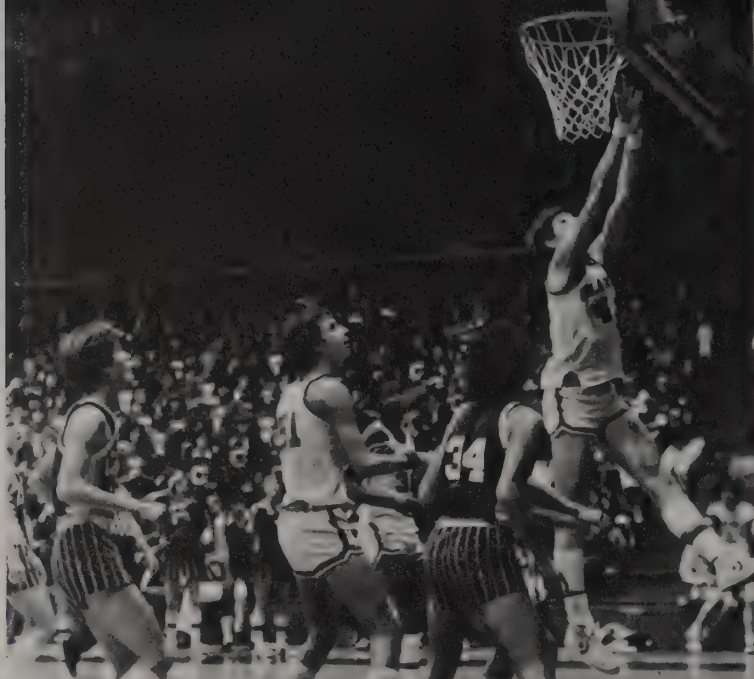
1977-78 Varsity Basketball

	ECHS	OPP
Westview	79	70
Memorial	79	62
Merrilville	55	64
Kokomo	55	54
SB Clay	63	47
Mishawaka	77	66
Holiday Tournament		
Penn	89	65
Mishawaka (champ.)	66	63
SB Washington	63	66
La Porte	90	69
MC Elston	94	70
Penn	79	76
Concord	59	46
SB St. Joseph	75	47
Goshen	104	50
SB Riley	73	68
SB Adams	74	89
FW South	62	54
Warsaw	72	59

Regular Season Record: 17-3

A familiar sight: Bill Hudnall beating the defense for a fast break lay-in (middle right).

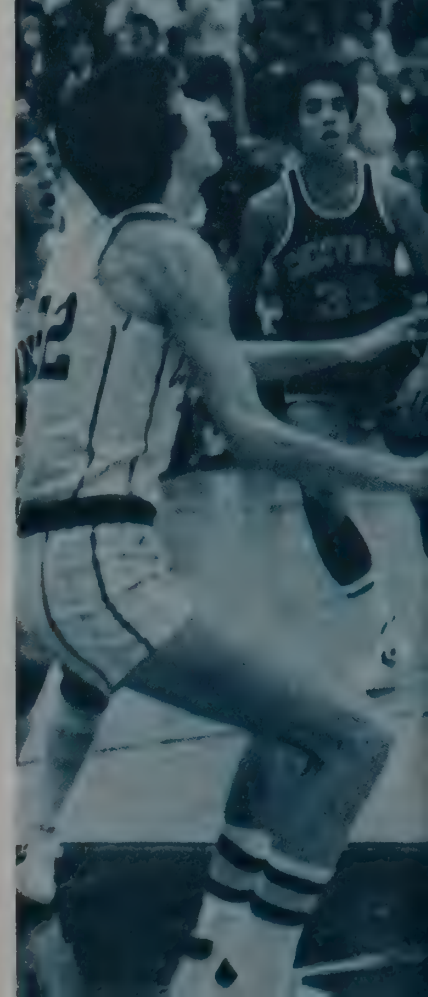
Les Bias, shown here against Concord, developed into the reliable third guard Central badly needed.



1977 Varsity Basketball—Front Row: Dave Thomas, Eddie Young, Bill Hudnall, Chris Pittman, Eddie Holt,

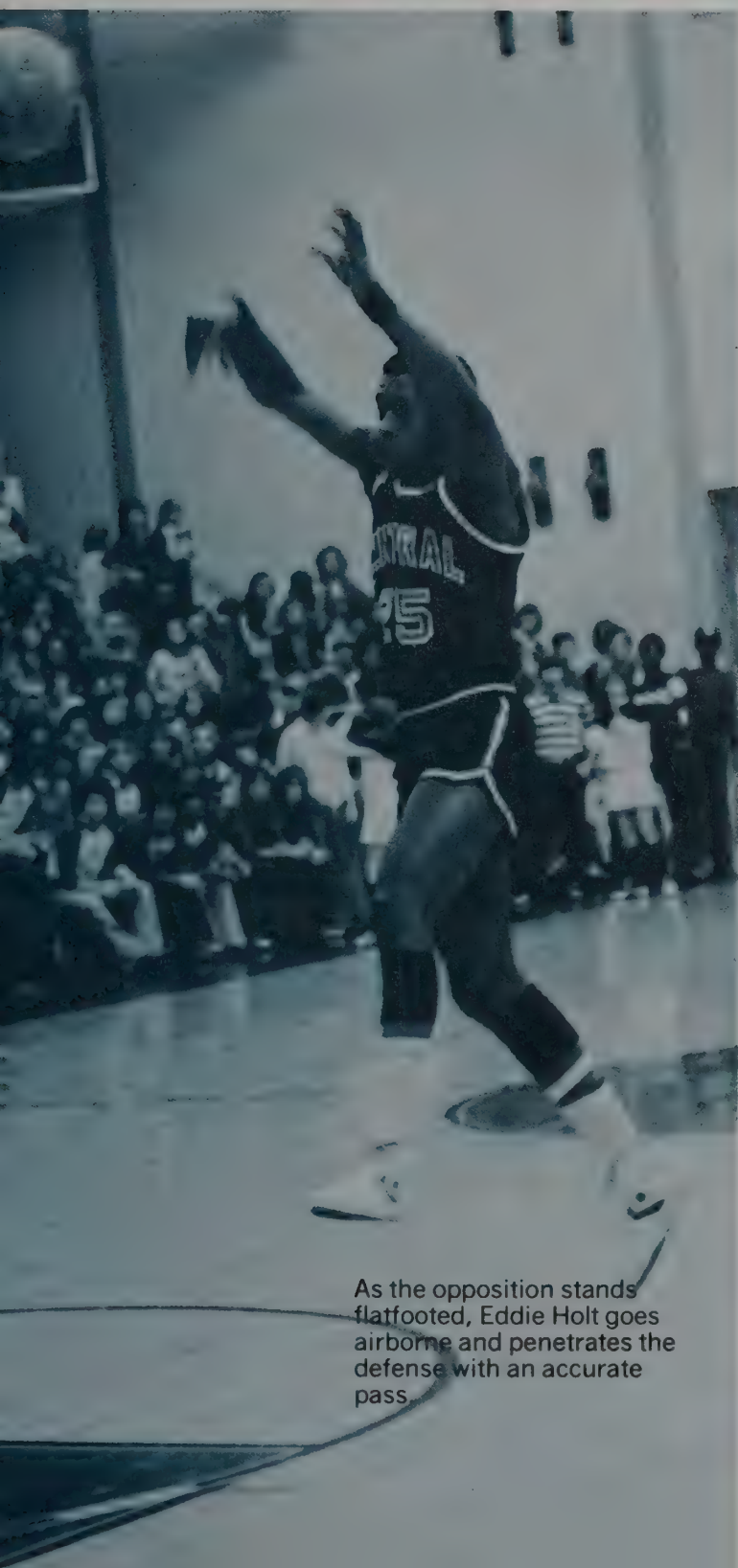
Ben Hartman, Mgr. Bruce Atkinson. Back Row: Coach Clark, Mgr. Mark Kindy, Les Bias, Jim Grandholm,

James Norman, Dan Glanders, Warren Lawson, Steve Staal, Coach Leonakis.





Executing perfect position on the boards, Steve Staal pulls down a rebound.



As the opposition stands flatfooted, Eddie Holt goes airborne and penetrates the defense with an accurate pass.

Basketball by Steve Ball

Great height, depth energizes Big Blue

In 1977-78, Blazer basketball coach George Leonakis resembled a scientist researching solar energy.

Just like the scientist, Leonakis had an enormous source of potential energy and had the task to harness it and make it work constructively.

Throughout the year the Blazers proved themselves pretty constructive and ended the regular season with a 17-3 record. Two of the three losses were to teams who were frequently ranked in the state's top ten.

One of those losses was to South Bend Adams (who was ranked second in the state), and the 49-49 first half was a classic of two super-talented teams slugging it out. Central was down 18-4 early in the game but came back to actually lead by six.

This was a remarkable accomplishment especially since it was in Adams' gym.

Another fine effort in opponents' gym was in the Fort Wayne South contest. The Blazers upset the then-14th ranked Archers and at that point they seemed to be starting to fulfill their promise.

Potential oozed out of the Central squad. Steve Staal, Jim Grandholm, Dan Glanders, James Norman, and Warren Lawson all stood over 6'5".

Chris Pittman and Bill Hudnall occupied the guard spots and possessed valuable experience. Les Bias then emerged as a more-than-adequate third guard Central badly needed. 6'2" Eddie Holt could play guard or forward and played an excellent all-around game.

Offensively, the Blazers' balance showed off their depth. Norman (15.7 avg.), Hudnall (11.6), Pittman (9.9), Staal (9.7), Holt (9.2), Grandholm (8.0), Glanders (7.2) and Bias (5.3) all had the potential to score 20 points in a game.

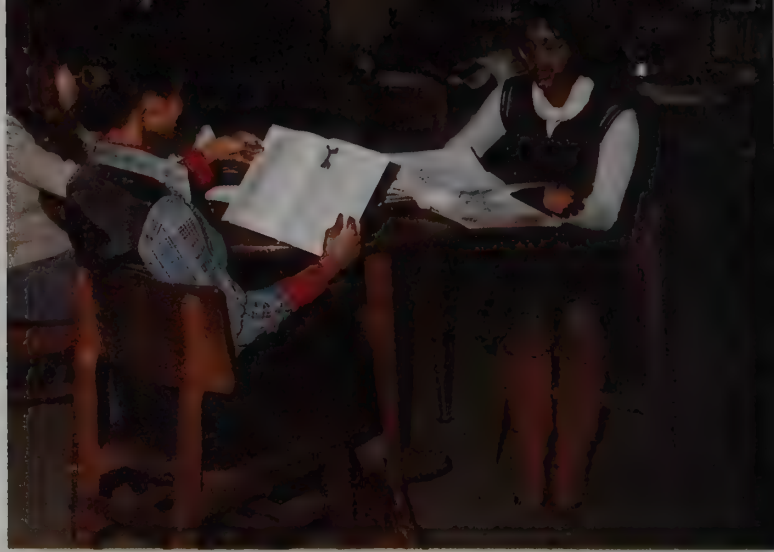
Blazers go all the way to FINAL FOUR at Market Square

Energy crisis postpones Regional, Semi-state, Finals to April—see pages 40-41

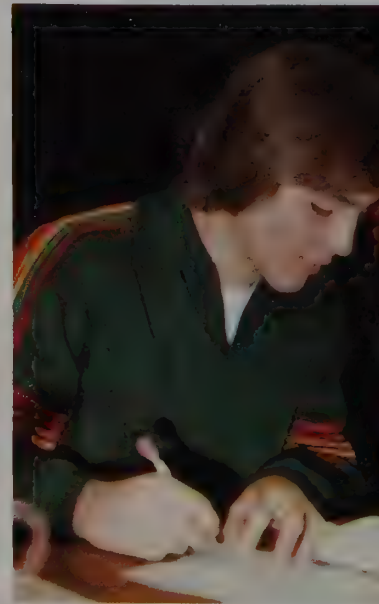
The go with everything cowl neck is worn demurely by Mary Kramer.



Settling down to their studies, Cynthia Hill and Karen Harris don popular fashions with a flair.



Clad in casual attire, Gino Lucchese, Linda Stephenson and Vaughn Wamsley fantasize beyond the future.



Focusing in on fashions, Viviane Clemens displays her western look.

An utmost necessity in almost everyone's bathroom, Mark Fioritto holds his hair's best friend.

Dressed in a colorful rainbow shirt, Dave Pairitz concentrates his mind on his math homework.

Decked out for a sunny day, Demeta Harris dazzles people with an outfit welcoming spring.



Conversing casually, Kathleen O'Connell, Greg Busse, Me-Me Chung and Sally LeBarron slip into the school year with different modes of fashions.

Fads n' Fashions by Me Me Chung

Fantasy flicks, disco, dressy look are all a part of **NOW**

Lazer beams zapped across the screen as people of all ages lined up to see the new movie block-buster—"Star Wars". The fantasy fiction movie starring R2-D2 and C3PO swept the entire country.

A favorite pastime was watching for new and different movies such as the mind boggling science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Television also tried to take advantage of the science fiction and fantasy fad with such shows as "Star Trek," "Fantasy Island," and "Project UFO."

An entirely different type of movie, "Saturday Night Fever" took advantage of the new type of dance—disco dancing. "Native New Yorker" and "Dance" were other top "discos".

Fleetwood Mac was the most popular group nationwide with its album "Rumors". Other popular groups included the BeeGees with their "Saturday Night Fever" album and the Steve Miller Band.

Because of the Blizzard of '78, record snowfalls, and an excessively long winter, skiing became a popular recreational activity. Weekend skiers dotted the slopes of ski resorts with bright, colorful ski attire of jackets and vests.

Although movies were of the future, fashions returned to the dressier look. The general appearance of guys was neater and less casual. Stick pins, a definite addition to any top and the conventional cowl neck was part of every girl's wardrobe. Corduroy Levi's, jeans, pullover sweaters, and outdoor boots for both the girls and guys were part of the casual look. Plaid skirts and shawls and stylish boots enhanced the appearance of many girls.

The return of the feminine look was obvious as spring slid in with soft pastel colors. Dainty dresses and swirling skirts were accompanied by delicate macrame and canvas purses. Breezy tops and lightweight pants lifted the last traces of the long winter.

Blow dryers were a necessity in every girl's and guy's bathroom. Hair lengths of girls were longer and curlier contrasting with the guys whose hair was shorter and with a distinct feathered style.

Blue Wave rated among top 20 in state

Through simple hard work and dedication, the 1977-78 Blazer swim team enjoyed another fine dual season, performed well in the conference and achieved Coach Ted Folands' goal of placing in the top 20 in the state meet.

As has been the practice for some time now by the Blue Wave, the dual wins were into double figures as they ended at 11-4.

Highlighting the regular season was a victory over SB Adams, a first for Blazer swimming. SB Riley, who eventually won the state title, dominated the conference race, but Clay, Adams and Central all fought hard for second place as the closeness of the meets between the three squads suggests. By the end of the conference season all three were tied for second.

In the conference meet that followed, Riley naturally dominated again, but this time the Blue Wave slipped to fourth.

Foland said the only disappointment this year was the sectional, where the Blazers were slowed down considerably by the flu. Central placed third behind Goshen and Warsaw.

Team captain Jim Brown and Tad Lovan were the biggest casualties to illness, as Foland said Brown would have been good for two firsts but instead had to settle for two seconds and Lovan couldn't even swim past the preliminaries.

Dave Perron and the medley relay team of Mike McAfee, Perron, Rob Mathias and Tim Walters captured first in the sectional.

All together Central qualified for seven events in the state meet, led by Mark Vilmure who was undefeated all season long going into the big meet. Vilmure ended up placing fourth while Brown swam a personal best in the 200 freestyle.

By meet's end the Blue Wave had compiled 21 points and captures 17th in the state.

During the year many school and city records were set: Mark Vilmure in diving, Brown in the 100 freestyle, Perron in the breaststroke, and the medley relay of McAfee, Perron, Mathias and Walters.

McAfee broke the school record and tied the city record three times in the backstroke.

Johnson was named Rookie of the Year and Mathias was awarded the Tim Brutnell Award for Mental Attitude.

Dave Perron set a new school and city record in the breaststroke while winning sectionals.

Diver Mark Vilmure was undefeated until a fourth place performance in the state meet.



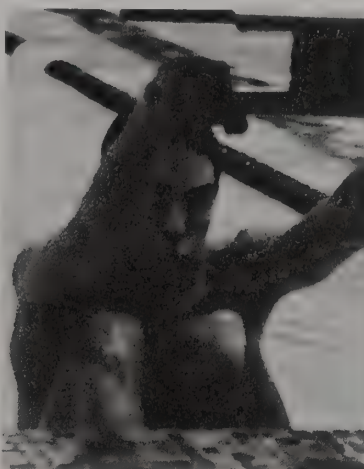
Usually when Coach Foland (left) spoke, Jim Brown listened as Jim ended a fine career in 1977-78.



Tad Lovan enjoyed another good year, but then caught the flu and missed sectionals and state.



Mike McAfee gets ready to push off towards another crack at the city record he tied three times.



Butterflyer Rob Mathias was awarded the Tim Brutnell Award for Mental Attitude (below).



1977-78 Varsity Swimming		
	ECHS	OPP.
SB Washington	113	59
Penn	56	26
Memorial	94	78
MC Elston	93	79
Goshen Relays	3rd	
SB Adams	85	87
Wawasee	93	79
SB Riley	54	118
Warsaw	41	42
Mishawaka	115	55
Concord	92	78
SB LaSalle	120	50
Penn Invite	2nd	
SB Clay	85	87
LaPorte	91	80
Culver Mil.	92	74
Sectional	3rd	
State	17th	
Season record: 11-4.		

1977-78 Blazer Swimmers—Front: Mark Vilmure, Rick Hossler, Tom Tueting, Bob Alexander, Bill Halt,

George Foster, John Yoder, Steve Sachs. Row 2: Bill Nye, Steve Rodkey, Dave Johnson, Rob Mathias, Jeff

Matz, Joel Putnam, Mike McAfee, Tad Lovan. Back Row: Todd Denman, Bill Young, Doug Reed, Tom Stewart, Jim

Brown, Pat Buddrus, Tim Walters, assistant Howard Haynes, Coach Ted Foland.

Underclass gains experience in up and down season

First year coach Bill Mellish didn't know what to expect from this year's girls' basketball team in the way of fundamentals, but found the girls just as willing to learn as the boys he had previously coached.

The Blazers started out big with a 71-31 win over South Bend Washington and then went on to defeat the next four teams they met. This was followed by a seven game losing streak.

One of these losses was to Memorial, but the girls came back to beat the Chargers in the first round of sectionals. The jubilation was ended the following evening as Central was downed by Goshen.

Senior Becky Wiskotoni, named to the Truth's "all sectional" first team, led the Blue Blazers all season by averaging 12.8 points a game.

Individual accomplishments highlight winless season

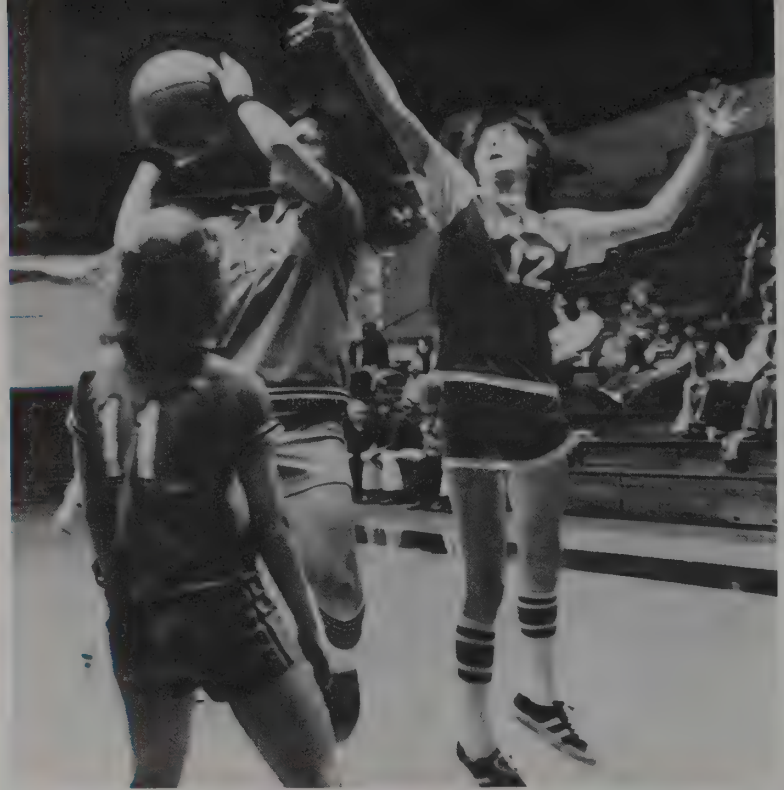
For Central wrestling coach Rollie Hoover, the winless 1977-78 season was just one step closer to the light at the end of the tunnel. With 9 of his 12 wrestlers being underclassmen in '77-78, Hoover can look towards brighter seasons.

Rollie's lineup went like this: 100-lb, Tod Yoder; 107, Kevin McNulty; 114, Joe Bostian; 121, Chris Vilmur; 134, Tony Magyar; 140 Jeff Scoville; 147, Todd Roberts; 157, Jim Kirts; 169, Bob Clark; 179, Mike Fioritto; 187, Mark Fioritto; and heavyweight, Scott Homan.

Despite the 0-9 record, the season was not without individual accomplishment. In all, six wrestlers qualified for the regional, which requires either a first or second place in the sectional.

McNulty, Magyar, Scoville, and Mike Fioritto all captured seconds, while Kirts and Homan placed first. Kirts then went on to place third in the regional and Homan placed first.

Homan then advanced to the semi-state where he reached the semi-finals before he was eliminated.



Margaret Bean muscles in for an easy lay up during the sectional tourney at Northside Gym.

Becky Wiskotoni shoots a jump shot over Julie Campbell's screen. Becky led the team with a 12.8 average.



Mark Fioritto rides the top and assumes command over his opponent.



By the expression on his opponent's face, it's a small wonder that Scott Homan was so successful.



Boys' Wrestling		
	EC	OPP
Penn	12	48
SB Adams	13	52
MC Elston	28	29
SB Riley	19	40
SB LaSalle	24	42
SB Clay	13	46
SB Washington	14	46
Mishawaka	9	55
Memorial	17	39
Season record: 0-9		



Girls' Basketball		
	EC	OPP
SB Washington*	71	31
Bethany Christian	54	30
Penn*	51	24
SB LaSalle*	38	37
Goshen	36	42
Memorial*	35	36
SB Riley*	48	58
Wawasee	44	49
Mishawaka*	45	46
MC Elston*	21	26
Northridge	37	26
SB Adams*	42	40
Holiday Tourney:		
Northridge	59	39
Goshen	43	50
Sectionals:		
Memorial	35	31
Goshen	28	42

* denotes NIC games
Season record: 8-8
Conference record: 4-4

Boys' Wrestling—Front Row: Rusty Moore, Jeff Scoville, Tony Magyar, Chris Vilmure, Joe Bostian, Kevin McNulty, and Tod Yoder. Back Row: Head Coach Rollie Hoover, Todd

Roberts, Jim Kirts, Bob Clark, Mike Fioritto, Mark Fioritto, Scott Homan, Assistant Coach Dick Light. Girls' Basketball—Front Row: Coach Bill Mellish, Becky Wiskotoni, Mary

White, Julie Campbell, Marilyn Melkus, Betsy Johnson, Rita Scott, and Lori Temple. Back Row: Margaret Bean, Sheila McNeile, Dena Burlingame, and Sheryl Lowenhar.

Gymnastics

Young team has winning season despite lack of experience

Whether it's during grade school or junior high, in sandlot games or at country clubs, by the time an athlete enters high school he or she almost always has a chance to gather a substantial amount of athletic experience.

One exception is boys' gymnastics. In eight years of coaching, Bill Wolf has had only five men with experience before high school. As a result, Wolf has to start sophomores out tumbling and teaching them the most basic fundamentals. Wolf says it takes a year for a gymnast "just to get his feet on the ground."

Nevertheless, things don't usually turn out too bad for the Central gymnasts. In 1977-78, the season concluded with a 4-4 record as Wolf expected before the season started.

Three seniors—Marc Pritchard, Paul Koehler, Dave Hostetler—accounted for 70% of the points scored. Pritchard competed on the long horse and trampoline, Hostetler in the all around, and Koehler in everything except the side horse and parallel bars.

Pritchard provided the season's biggest highlight of the year as he placed third in the state on the trampoline.

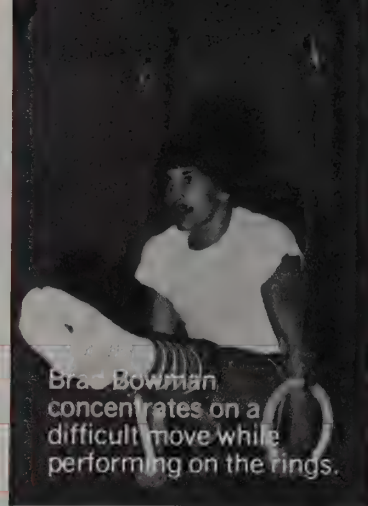
"The best sectional performance ever," highlights girls gymnastics team

"The best sectional performance ever," was just one of the highlights of the girls' gymnastic team according to Coach Deb DeBrular.

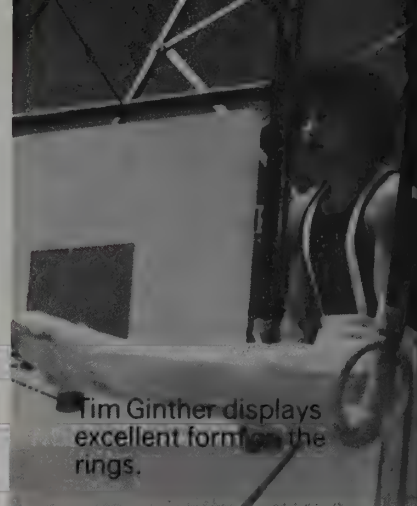
Following a dual meet record of 2-4 at the Beginning Level and 4-2 at the Intermediate Level, the gymnasts, led by MVPs Kathy Dobson and Jamie Sachs, managed to place in the top eight of every event during sectional competition. Three of the Central athletes qualified for regionals. These team members were the two MVPs and scholarship winner, Kim Lidy.

Helping out Coach DeBrular this year was Mrs. Chris Rodda. She was a "great help", especially with dance moves used in performing floor exercise and beam routines.

Due to the fact that much of this year's team was composed of underclassmen, Coach DeBrular "is looking forward to an even better season next year."



Brad Bowman concentrates on a difficult move while performing on the rings.

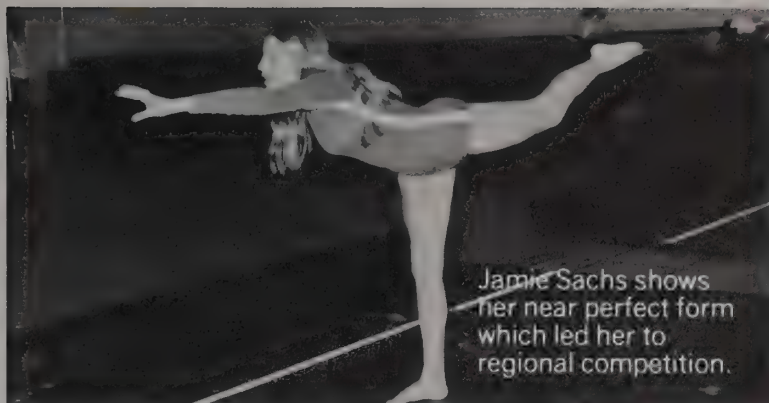


Tim Ginther displays excellent form on the rings.



Paul Koehler demonstrates a cross, which requires a great deal of strength and concentration.





Jamie Sachs shows her near perfect form which led her to regional competition.

Boys' Gymnastics

	ECHS	OPP.
Crown Pt.	96.45	123.91
Jimtown	104.68	93.52
Angola	103.19	111.17
Memorial	112.49	93.54
Concord	103.43	119.40
Wabash	94.61	100.10
SB Adams	104.10	68.69
Northwood	93.60	93.46

Season Record: 4-4



The judges often flipped over Marc Pritchard, who competed in the state meet on the trampoline.



With extreme concentration on her next move, Kim Lidy swings her way to successful season.



Junior Kathy Dobson breaks a crowd pleasing smile as she performs floor exercise.



Boys' Gymnastics—From Back: Craig Ray, Dave Hostetter, Marc Pritchard, Paul Koehler, Boris Sherelis, Brad Stahl, John Edland,

Brad Bowman, Tim Ginther, Phil Rees, Doug Harter. Coaches Bill Wolf and Steve Rossi. Girls' Gymnastics—Front Row: Coach Deb DeBrular,

Barb Lutey, Kari Snavelly, Carla Nye, Mary Gaskill, Linda Stephenson, Paula Yoder, Lana Rodino, Kathy Dobson, Jamie Sachs, Tracy Pfaff,

Girls' Gymnastics

	Beginning	
	ECHS	OPP
East Noble	49.60	52.55
Wawasee	56.65	56.80
Northwood	54.00	59.80
Manchester	62.80	60.00
Jimtown	62.10	63.10
Memorial	37.05	30.85

	Intermediate	
	ECHS	OPP
East Noble	50.40	52.80
Wawasee	48.90	46.80
Northwood	51.00	38.65
Manchester	58.20	53.90
Jimtown	55.95	58.60
Memorial	39.85	30.85

Season record:
Beginning: 2-4
Intermediate: 4-2

Kim Lidy, Kris Southworth, Dawn Martin.

Blazers in "Final Four" at State

(Basketball continued from p. 31)

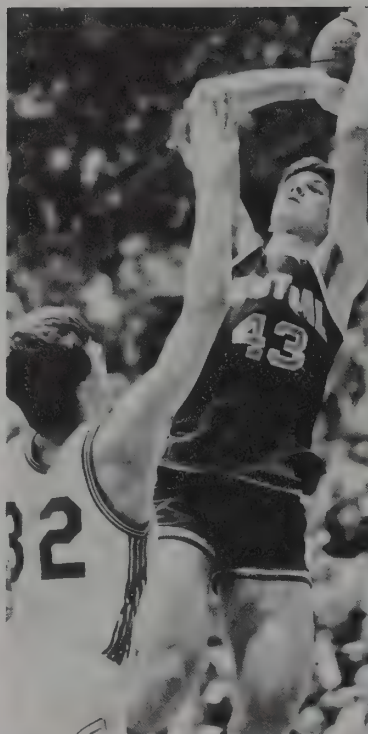
The smiles of Eddie Holt and Chris Pittman tell the story of the FW North game.



As James Norman got hotter throughout the tournament so did the Blazers.



Dan Glanders' shooting helped out considerably, especially in the sectional.



Coach George Leonakis enjoyed his most successful year, but there were trying moments.

Jim Grandholm's improvement was capped off with fine performances in regional and semi-state championship games.





As Muncie Central's pesky Jack Moore looks on, Chris Pittman, who scored 21 points against the Bearcats, hangs in a rebound.



As the Blazers slightly started to pull away from rival Memorial in the sectional championship game, the irrepressible Blazer cheerleaders started up the "Goin' to state in '78" cheer that was even used as early as Central's first sectional game.

Even though everybody joined in on the cheer, many knew that such long range prognostication in the one and only IHSAA basketball tournament is an excellent way to stick your foot in your mouth.

Nobody can blame the well-meaning cheerleaders (afterall, how could they resist such a catchy cheer that rhymed so well?), but sure enough Memorial came back to close within one point with six seconds left and they had the ball.

However, as Bill Sever, who sparked the Charger comeback, drove down the lane towards the winning basket, he lost the ball off his knee and Central was saved.

Now the stage was set for Leonakis' Sleek Greeks to perform the way everybody knew they were capable of.

Central blew by Columbia City and Argos to capture the regionals as James Norman had two strong games, hitting 22 of 31 fielders for a phenomenal 71%.

Now that the Blazers were off to semi-state, their role changed from favorite to underdog and they seemed to like every minute of it. Number one ranked FW North and no. 14 Anderson were both in the South Bend semi-state, but it was to make no difference as Central was just too sharp.

Against North, the Blazers forced 30 turnovers and a 65-54 upset was the result. Norman scored 24 points and North's coach commented, "Norman plays above the rim as well as anybody I've seen."

Anderson was now the only obstacle between Central and the final four. The Blazers picked up where they left off in the afternoon and completely controlled the game for three quarters.

A fourth quarter rally by Anderson gave Central a scare, but the Blazers held on and won 76-74.

"Market Square, we'll be there!" was the cry as Blazermania infected people of all ages from all around the area. A standing-room only crowd of 1,200 packed the auditorium for a festive pep rally to release the enthusiasm building up towards the finals.

Muncie Central was the next domino that had to fall, but 5'9" Jack Moore was simply too much. Moore canned 34 points and Muncie prevailed 89-85.

Twice the Blazers made gallant comeback efforts, from 17 and 14 points down, but fell just short. Glanders, Holt, and Chris Pittman all shined bright in defeat.

All good things must come to an end.

Mayor Peter Sarantos and hundreds of Blazer fans saluted the team when it returned from Indianapolis.

Bill Hudnall had a fine regional and was one of the leaders of the comeback in the Muncie game that fell four points short (far left).

Spring . . . March 31, 1978

Spring
was very late coming this year.
But oh,
when it came . . .!

Everyone felt it,
and it was wild!
"Class? What class?
We don't have **school** today,
do we?"
Almost April . . .

Spring
came very abruptly.
All of a sudden
it was **warm** outside,
and the dirty snow
in shady corners
looked very silly.

Spring
came on a rippled whisper
and begged us all
to trade boots for bare feet
and not to worry . . .

Spring,
in potential green and sun yellow

Spring . . .
was worth waiting for.



The afternoon sun over the flooded parking lot presents a tranquil and mesmerizing setting. Rob Mathias, Tad Lovan, and Jim Brown get in some extra practice as they splish-splash through the parking lot.



Playing frisbee becomes a contest as a number of flailing arms grab for it.



Engaging in various conversations, students and teachers enjoy the outdoor air.

Oblivious to their surroundings, the ducks swim lazily as Billy Robins wades toward them.



Trying to concentrate on their homework, Dawn Martin and Effie Froutzis have a good laugh.

Spring

Sun, flooding, warm breezes ends winter's bitter clutch

Spring . . . has sprung a leak. On about March 22 and 23, the melting of the accumulated snow from one of the Midwest's worst winters caused the Elkhart and St. Joseph rivers to overflow its banks.

Since the Elkhart River flows around Central, the overflow included the back lot, the side parking lot, the drive that encircles Elkhart Central, Rice Field, and about half the student parking lot.

On March 23, for example, the baseball diamond became a converted student parking lot. This continued on into the next week.

Everyone enjoyed the spectacle and joked about it. Some waded in it; others tried fishing. Even the "rats" were heard to murmur, "Wow man, that's water!" as they saw their smoking nest became a snow capped island surrounded by the river's overflow.



With snow still on the ground, students and teachers enjoy the outdoor air.

Interesting classes perk up early risers

For most people daily activities during the course of the school day includes schoolwork. Contrary to some opinions, there are students who actually attend school to learn.

Due to variety of classes offered, students can choose courses in preparation for the future or that they just enjoy.

Many times the sometimes monotony of schoolwork is broken when classes come up with new ideas to learn things in a more interesting way. These special units are worth waiting for.

While searching for her specimen, Linda Comer deftly works with the skill of an accomplished scientist.



Concentration in hand, Latanya Graham studiously completes her homework in business class.



Trying to absorb every word, John See and Margaret Bean give their full attention.



Busy at her work is Janele Hackman in her first year typing class.

Julie Elliot stays after school to make up her math test she missed due to illness.



Momentarily diverted from her studies, Michelle Lillard glances up from her work.



Craig Zentz listens intently as Mr. George Leis explains the experiment.

Julie Metz is not easily persuaded by Kelly Platz and Bill Nolan while Chuck Hardy and Scott Hoepfner warily observe the mock trial.



Entertaining the class with their antics, Lisa Rakow, Jean Schurwonn, Jim Peterman and Tim Walters are up in the air with their skit.



Fourth year Spanish students, Kelly Kelsey, Lori Rheinheimer, Becky Vamos and Lori Hosington voice their singing abilities.

Lunging to grasp the frisbee, Bob Alexander moves with grace for a perfect set-up.



Just missing a runaway frisbee, Lee Markel demonstrates a nose dive to the ground.



Discussing the morning activities, Jim Logan, Ted Galoozis and Kevin McNaulty linger on the school steps.



From Tueting are deeply absorbed by chess.



Looking lazy, Larry Fayne, Jaime Johnson and Kelby Love rest against a tree during lunch hour.



Daily Life/Noon

Lunch is the time to have it your way

"What's your favorite hour of the day?"

"Lunch!" is a frequent response usually heard as the end of third hour approaches.

Noon hour is a welcome affair for teachers as well as students. On a pleasant day, you can find a few students studying outdoors, students ridding their energy by engaging in noon time sports or meeting with friends.

Others use their free time constructively by joining the various clubs and organizations offered. Others just enjoy being plain lazy for the hour.

Lynn Havlish and Jeni Ginthir take advantage of the sunny day, while Mark Zimmerman gazes from inside.



Thinking of pleasant thoughts, Margo Sailor enjoys her noon hour.



Mr. Robert Zimmerman's class celebrates "No Day" led byinglead by Chuck Sproull and Steve...



Strumming his banjo, Joe Bostian makes some music of his own.

Miss Pat Cook trains her softball team to kick high to a victory.

Relinquishing a peaceful moment, Barb Owens looks out the window.



Pretending to be a heart attack victim, Dan Piety is pleased with Carolyn Konecny's assistance.



Not pleased with his situation, Tony Moore recuperates in the hospital.



Thinking of a future in law enforcement, Lisa Rakow gains experience as a junior cadet.



Edging past her closest opponent, Julie Elliott wins the mile again.



Showing the form that won her 6th in the state, Cheryl Stouder leads the pack during the low hurdles.



Sectional qualifier Nancy Watson clears the bar during a meet at Central.



Junior Betsy Johnson streaks ahead of the other runners during the 880 yard run during an important meet.



Margaret Bean sprints out of the exchange zone after receiving the baton from Beth Armstrong.



Bursting out of the blocks to start the 440 yd relay is junior sprinter Myra Bartlett.

MVP in field events, Lori Temple puts the shot for a sectional qualifying distance.



Girls' Track—Front Row: Patty Hayes, Margaret Bean, Myra Bartlett, Beth Schrock, Rita Burkey. Row Two: Anna Pauley, Cheryl Stouder, Betsy

Johnson, Beth Armstrong, Shirley Furlow, Vicki Lee. Back Row: Kate Helm, Deb Smith, Bambi Crowell, Nancy Watson, Julie Elliott, Lori Temple.

Track

by Mary White, Kate Helm

Blazer girls dominate track in local area

"When it comes to girls' track in this area, there are the Central Blazers and there is the rest," stated the sports editor in the Elkhart **Truth**. Although the team fell short of another undefeated season by two dual meets, they were still as dominant in the area as in past years. The girls showed this by tying Penn for first in the NIC meet and easily winning sectionals.

Out of the sectional championship team seven girls advanced to regional competition, and from there MVP in running events, Cheryl Stouder, Lori Temple, and distance ace Julie Elliott all advanced to the state meet.

With a personal and city best clocking of 5:26 in the mile run, Julie placed 9th. Once again, Cheryl Stouder made her mark at state by finishing 6th in the 80 yd low hurdles.

Versatile Lori Temple broke and set two school and city records with a 210' softball throw and a time of 26.5 in the 220 yd dash to add to her state appearance.

According to Coach Donna Pfeffer this year's team was the "closest and easiest team to work with I have ever had."

Due to a lack of depth on the team many of the girls had to compete in a number of different events but this didn't hinder their performances. "The girls were great this year. They were willing to do any event that I needed them to."

Girls' Track

	ECHS	OPP
Penn	43	62
Concord	88	17
S.B. LaSalle	54	51
S.B. Clay	58	47
Mishawaka	72	33
Memorial	68.5	36.5
Lakeland	70	35
S.B. Riley	52	53
S.B. Washington	77	28
Northridge	69	39
S.B. Adams	62	43
Sectionals	1st	
Regionals	4th	
Conference	2nd	

Season Record:9-2

Girls' tennis wins 56 straight



Girls' Tennis—Front Row: Kathy Nolan, Liz Nielson, Lisa Vite, Tracy Lewis, Terri Zirkle. Row Two: Amy

Cleveland, Brenda Busse, Lynn Dusthimer, Becky Wiskotoni, Leslie Vite, Mary White. Back Row: Marcia

Banks, Kelly Craven, Sue Frahm, Donna Stiver, Katie Frahm, Sheila McNiele, Sheryl Lowenhar.

Girls' Tennis

	ECHS	OPP
Concord	6	1
S.B. Adams	4	3
S.B. St. Joe	7	0
S.B. Clay	7	0
M.C. Elston	4	1
Wawasee	7	0
S.B. LaSalle	7	0
Culver	6	1
Memorial	7	0
Mishawaka	6	1
Penn	6	1
Marian	7	0
Goshen	7	0
Riley	7	0
Northridge	Forfeit	
S.B. Washington	7	0
Conference	1st	
Sectionals	1st	

Season record: 16-0

\$250.00 Scholarship offered in each sport



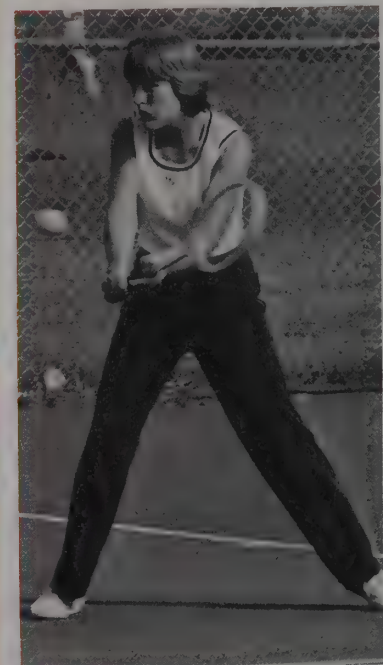
Dena Burlingame received the **Excel** scholarship for her performance in Softball. Hurdler Cheryl Stouder won the Track scholarship from **Batjes Pontiac**. The Basketball and Volleyball scholarships given by **Thomas Dusthimer** and **William Nolan** respectively were both won by Becky Wiskotoni. Kim Lidy also received two scholarships, the **B & F Realty** Swimming Scholarship and the Gymnastics scholarship from **Jaron Inc.**

This year marked the beginning of many things in Central's girls' sports department: new uniforms, letter jackets, a male coach, and scholarships in every sport.

Athletic director Karen Leeth stated, "I don't think there are any other high schools in Indiana that have scholarships for all sports." We have Mrs. Leeth and others in the community to thank for this first.

Each of the seven scholarships is being sponsored by a different person or organization in the community.

The recipient, chosen for her leadership, character, scholastic standing, and other qualities, is given \$250 to go towards her college education whether she participates in college athletics or not.



Conference champion at the number 5 position, Kathy Nolan winds up for a backhand during a duel match.

Preparing to stroke a backhand, Mary White concentrates on placing the ball.

Girls' Tennis/Scholarships

Central's top team has four year winning streak

Another undefeated season was no problem for "the top team Central has ever had." The girls' tennis team finished the season 17-0, bringing the four year winning streak to 56.

After a close 4-3 opener over South Bend Adams, the netter yielded no more than one point to any other team.

Why is Central so dominant in girls' tennis? According to coach Karleen Richter, "team balance, dedication, and a number one player who is the best in the area" have put the Blazers on top.

Junior Marcia Banks completed her second undefeated season at the number one singles position and in the process beat 10 of her opponents 6-0, 6-0.

The team "has more than exceeded their goals this season," by going undefeated, winning the conference tourney, and winning sectionals.

Pressure mounted as the 50th win approached, a rare feat that the team will long remember. When asked how she felt about the accomplishment, Coach Richter could only reply with, "That was neat!"



Marcia Banks displays the excellent form that led her to sectional and conference titles.

Awaiting a baseline forehand shot, Becky Wiskotoni eyes the ball.



Despite the pained expression on Leslie Vite's face, she eased through the season with a 16-0 record in dual meets.

by Steve Ball

Track

Powers, Homan set records, MVP Homan goes to state

Since dual meet victories have become few and far between for the track team at Central, individual efforts are the center of attention in following the Central cindermen.

Individual success was most prominent at the sectional, where Central placed third. Seven different Blazers qualified for the regional by placing in the top four of their respective events.

Regional qualifiers were: Todd Ringenberg, high jump; Scott Homan, discus and shot put; Mike Yeakey, discus; Dutch Heinhuis and Steve Nystrand, two mile; Eric Powers, 330 low hurdles and high hurdles; Andy Owens, pole vault and high hurdles.

During the sectional, Powers set meet, city and school records with his 39.3 in the low hurdles. He also set a school record with a 14.6 in the highs. Homan set a school record with a 56'10" heave in the shot put.

Of all the qualifiers for regional, only Homan emerged from the regional as a state meet participant as he qualified in the discus.

In the state, Homan placed ninth in the weight events with a 157-4 in discus and a 55-10 put.

Homan was named Central's Most Valuable in field events while Heinhuis won Most Valuable in running events. Heinhuis' best clockings were 9:37.0 in the two mile and 4:23.7 in the mile. Homan also won the Tim Bringle Award for being outstanding in three sports.

Letters were awarded to fifteen of the squad's members. Sophomores who won letters were Nystrand, Jeff Vamos, Tony Young, Larry Nellist, Doug Zehr.

Juniors awarded letters were Powers, Owens, Ringenberg, Mark Madigan, Kelly Custer and John Singleton. Senior letter winners were Homan, Heinhuis, Yeakey and Rusty Green.



Jeff Vamos passes in front of timers and photographers as he crosses the finish line.

Man am crying writing this
dumb thing. See you a lot Chris.
See you on some Friday night
at age 98. HA! HA! Dig it.

Best
friend
54 Track
John

Love
Kathleen
O'Connor
(crisis)

Let's get
Damon ready
this year count!



Getting ready to put the shot is Tim Bringle Award winner Scott Homan.

Although he missed on this attempt, Andy Owens shows the form which took him to the regional.



Ace distance runner Dutch Heinhuis strides towards the finish in a relay race.



Eric Powers assumes command in a 330 low hurdles race.



1977 Varsity Track—Front: Brian DeVaney, Shawn Corey, Jeff Vamos, Tony Young, Rick Hossler, Kelly Custer, Dave Heinhuis. Row 2: Rusty Green, Rick Frey, Todd Ringenberg,

Mike Yeakey, Andy Owens, Larry Nellist, Mark Madigan. Back: John Singleton, Doug Zehr, Steve Nystrand, Scott Homan, Dutch Heinhuis, Eric Powers.

1978 Varsity Track

	ECHS	OPP
SB Adams	44	83
SB Clay	45	78
MC Elston	46	81
SB LaSalle	63½	63½
Memorial	48	73
Mishawaka	63	64
Penn	41	79
SB Riley	48	79
SB Washington	63	64

Dual record: 0-8-1

Golf

	ECHS	OPP
Jimtown	329	298
Wawasee	343	340
Northridge	363	325
Concord	374	324
Warsaw	328	314
S.B. Adams	318	314
S.B. Clay	327	321
M.C. Elston	360	332
LaPorte	322	319
Goshen	352	319
S.B. LaSalle	356	295
Memorial	343	327
Mishawaka	356	336
Penn	344	319
S.B. Riley	315	316
S.B. Washington	341	318
S.B. St. Joe	347	318
Warsaw	340	314

Season Record: 17-1

Sophomore Joe Thomas follows through on a long putt from the fringe of the green.



Senior Brian Nommay lines up the ball with the hole for a long putt.

Girls' Softball

	ECHS	OPP
S.B. Clay	2	3
S.B. Adams	11	21
S.B. St. Joe	12	18
S.B. Clay	1	28
Marian	13	14
S.B. Adams	4	13
S.B. Washington	7	8
S.B. Riley	5	6
S.B. Riley	4	13
M.C. Marquette	14	4
Marian	3	7

Season Record: 1-11

Leaning toward third base, Marilyn Melkus waits for the perfect moment to steal.



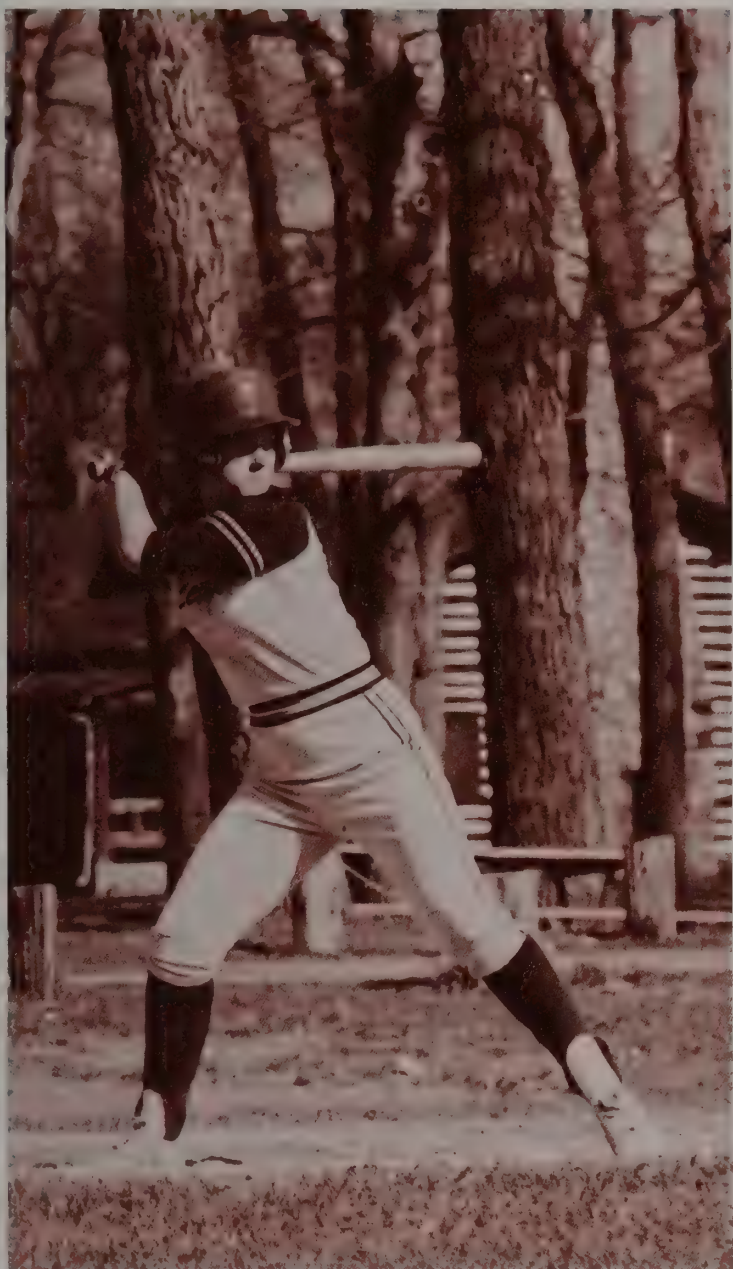
Nancy Emerson concentrates on her target during a home game at Studebaker Park.



Varsity Golf—Front Row: Adam Grant, Joe Thomas, Randy Herron. Back Row: Brian Nommay, Dave Thomas, Lee Markel, Coach Ted Foland.

Girls' Softball—Front Row: Coach Pat Cook, Tracy Ledman, Terri Sailor, Chris Harter, Jeanne Schurwonn, Donna Lochmandy, Paula Groves, Kathryn Wells, Robin Almon. Back

Row: Susie Miller, Marilyn Melkus, Julie Campbell, Dena Burlingame, Margaret Pelton, Marianne Arko, Nancy Emerson, Diane Lenhart, Caroline Payne, Lisa Rakow.



Showing the excellent form that led her to the team batting title, Dena Burlingame awaits the pitch.

Pitching out of a bunker is sophomore Adam Grant, who capably filled the number 5 spot.

Girls' Softball/Golf

Girls get new diamond, uniforms; golfers go all the way to state

A new diamond, new uniforms and a 15-4 win over Michigan City Marquette boosted the spirits of the girls' softball team.

Although a 1-11 record hindered the girls, Coach Pat Cook felt that they were playing at a higher skill level than in previous years. "We played well all except for one inning every time, and that lost us games."

A losing season didn't stop the girls from showing much spirit and giving their all in every game. "I was very proud of this team," stated Coach Cook in a tearful speech during the Spring Sports Banquet.

Referring to success the Blazer swim team has had and the outstanding '78 golf season, Ted Foland (who happens to coach both teams) was jokingly accused of eventually becoming overproud and egotistical as success continues.

In response to this Foland replied quickly, "I already am egotistical."

It's doubtful Foland is on an ego trip, although nobody can blame him following a golf season which boasted a 17-1 dual record, some impressive invitational victories and tremendous postseason play.

During the dual season, Dave Thomas earned medalist honors six times and Butch Markel grabbed medalist five times. Markel and Thomas shared the year's low round with 72s.

Adam Grant, Brian Nommay and Joe Thomas provided the top five with great depth as did even number six man Randy Herron.

In the post-season, Foland stated the team goals were to take each competition one at a time and to keep qualifying for the next step to going all the way.

After an impressive regional triumph it appeared they could win it all. The team score of 308 was composed of Dave Thomas' 76, Joe Thomas' 77, Markel's 77 and Nommay's 78. Just as in the LaPorte Invite, the Blazers nipped Andean by one stroke, for the championship.

Only a rather high 328 score in the semistate kept the golfers from possibly a runner-up spot in the finals at state. The score was low enough to qualify for the finals but it was evident by the solid performance to follow in the finals the Blazers were just getting used to the course.

A score of 313, third lowest of both rounds, enabled a fifth place finish.

Blazers lose 3 to Chargers, Kindy named all-conference

Usually by the end of the baseball season Coach Randy Miller can look back at another winning season in the bag, with post-season success and an armful of championship trophies added for good measure.

HOWEVER, 1978 was a see-saw year. Early it seemed the Blazers were in for something good but, whatever the reason as the conference season wore on the year turned into an iffy one.

A heartbreaking 6-5 loss to Memorial in the sectional's second round ended the season at 15-17. The loss was the third suffered to the Chargers, the others coming by scores of 18-5 and 5-4.

Tony Moore, Mike Kindy and Steve Delks were the mainstays for the Blazers at the plate. Steve Everett, as well as Kindy, performed well on and off the mound.

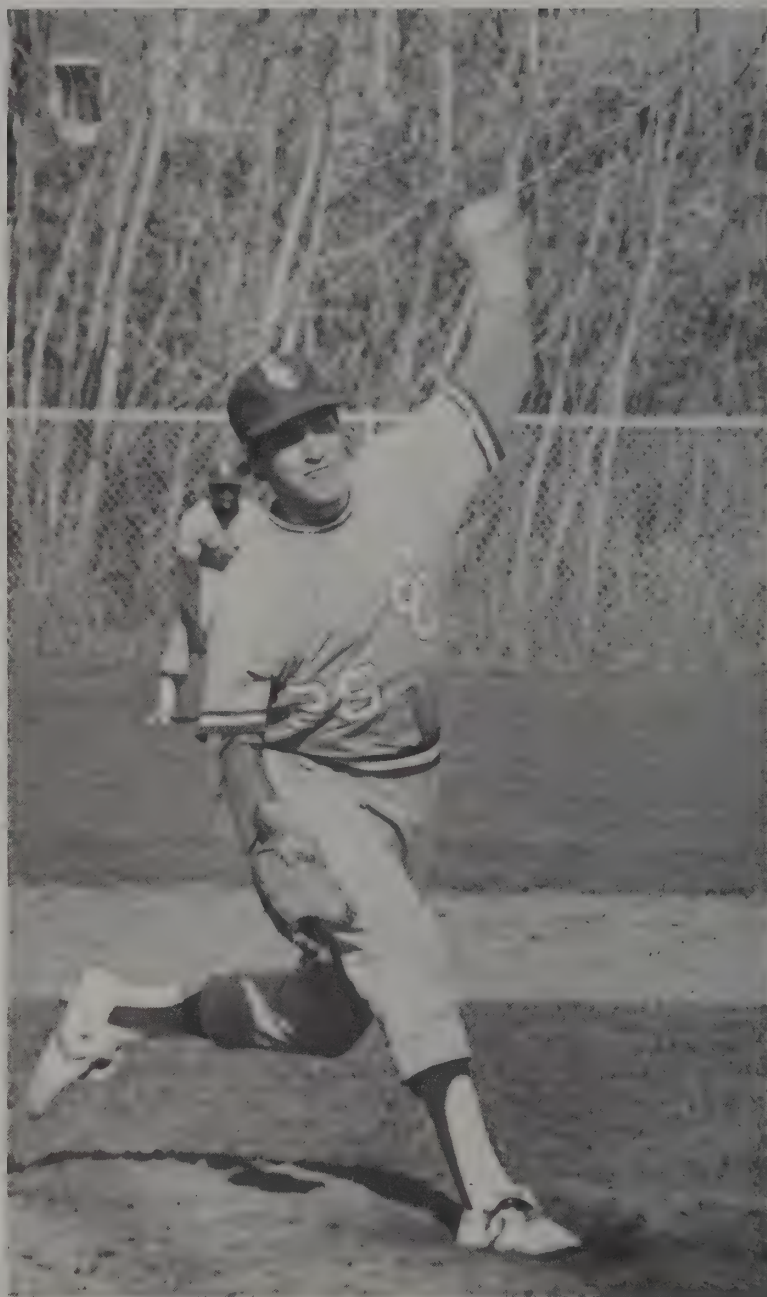
Kindy and Everett alternated at first base, depending on who was pitching. Jon Davis handled most of the second base duties while Matt Rueff and Delks composed the infield's left side at shortstop and third, respectively.

Bob Clark was Miller's regular catcher and showed steady improvement throughout the year. Bill Choler, who also could catch, played most of the time in the outfield with Jeff Lyon and Terry Miller.

Senior Brian Linton was hindered all season by a sore arm that kept him from fulfilling the promise in his junior and senior years that he showed as a sophomore.

All-conference honors were received by Kindy as he was named to a utility position on the first team.

Sophomore Mark Clementz delivers to the plate.



Senior Brian Linton winds up as first baseman Mike Kindy looks on.



Bill Choler starts to round third and dig for home. (left)



Matt Rueff and Bill Choler attempt to stop a grounder from skipping into centerfield.



Steve Delks follows through after making contact at the plate.



1978 Varsity Baseball—Front: Brian Linton, Steve Delks, Tim Calvert, Bill Choler. Row 2: Terry Miller, Tony Moore, Mitch Beaver,

Mark Vilmure, Jon Davis, Gary Dorris. Back: Mike Kindy, Steve Everett, Bob Clark, Jeff Lyon, Matt Rueff, Coach Randy Miller.

1978 Varsity Baseball

	ECHS	OPP
Memorial	5	18
SB Adams	1	3
Mishawaka	1	3
SB Clay	5	10
Penn	7	3
MC Elston	7	1
SB LaSalle	1	6
SB Riley	3	1
SB Washington	1	3
Memorial	4	5
SB Adams	3	1
Mishawaka	5	6
SB Clay	2	5
Penn	2	16
MC Elston	8	10
SB LaSalle	3	4
SB Riley	0	1
SB Washington	6	2

Conference record: 5-13

by Barb Owens

Prom

Not even rain, gloom dampens prom spirit

Not even rain and gloom could dampen the spirits of the 1978 prom goers. With all of the hectic preparations such as tuxedo altering and last minute hair styling, it was obvious that no one planned an evening short of paradise.

And paradise it was. Before the big event, most couples, driving cars from '67 Chevys to Silver Shadow Rolls Royces, wined and dined themselves at various extravagant restaurants from Elkhart to Kalamazoo.

Although many couples were disappointed with the noncreative portrait background, smiles of ecstasy were painted on each and every face as willful legs moved to the tunes of "Franklin Street Hotel."

Following the prom the traditional breakfast sponsored by the Adult Blazer Club was held at the Elk's Lodge. For many people the breakfast will hold a bigger part in "memories to treasure" than the prom itself.

Due to the ingenious minds of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Choler, a disc jockey from WNDU, Kris Robbins, was hired to play disco music until nearly 5:00 in the morning.

Somewhere, an unwritten rule exists that says no prom goers are allowed more than four hours of sleep after the breakfast.

So with fatigued bodies and bloodshot eyes, all those prom goers set on making the occasion unforgettable dutifully scattered to the dunes, amusement parks, picnic areas and even Chicago the following day.

It was all over in 48 hours and the experience tucked itself away in the memory box titled "highlights of my high school years."

While others watch the band, Adam Deaton and Tracy Pratt stop to share a laugh with friends.

Charlie Nielson and Wendy Dascoli precede Les Bias and his date into the dance.





Jamie Sachs and other prom goers enjoy dancing to the tunes of Franklin Street Hotel.



Dressed in the evening's fashions, Sandy Whisler and Kevin Quarandillo team up for a dance.



Paul Koehler and his date take a break to chat about the next day's plans.



Listening intently to the entertainment, Rob Mathias, Vaughn Wamsley and Rusty Green enjoy their last gathering together.

Tony Moore concentrates on his pool game following dinner at the senior banquet.



"Clean out your garbage and take advantage of your gifts" was the theme of Reverend William Vamos' speech.

Mark Bourdon, Les Bias, Charlie Nielson and Pete Hruby relax after eating their turkey dinners.



Dressed in their best, the inseparable duo of Kelly Davis and Kevin Bowlby make their final school appearance.

Senior Banquet

Rollicking laughter follows crazy quips

Typical of the senior class, the senior banquet was packed full of laughter.

Held at the poolside of the Holiday Inn, over 130 seniors gathered for their last supper together.

A program prepared by the senior class officers consisted of speeches by Reverend William Vamos, Principal Al Bias and senior class president Marc Pritchard.

Entertainment was provided by class clowns Steve Spano and Randy Herron. They read some of the senior wills and successfully roasted about 40 members of the class with their "most likely to be . . ." series.

Karen Southworth willed her pleasant personality to Mr. Willis, and Pete Hruby predicted Mr. Lutz would eat his chalk out of frustration.

Mary Anderson was voted most likely to walk into a war and not know it. Tony Delserone was selected as most likely to paint himself with shoe polish and become a black militant, and Beth Armstrong was chosen as most likely to become a nun.

As an extra bit of fun, the dynamic duo singled out Vaughn Wamsley as a target and titled him everything from most likely to give up looking for a girlfriend and become a priest to most likely to clean restrooms the rest of his life.



Entertainers Randy Herron and Steve Spano successfully roasted members of the senior class and

received a standing ovation for their efforts.

'You're stepping into the world now'

The line of blue-robed seniors seems to stretch endlessly across Rice Field even though you know only 404 are there altogether. A little bit ahead of you in line someone is heard complaining, "I wish this line would hurry up," but someone else close by philosophically answers with, "Hey, we've waited twelve years for this; we can certainly wait a few seconds more."

Glancing upward, you gratefully realize that the weatherman's prediction of rain was once again incorrect. The dusk would be cool and pleasant.

Approaching one of the Willis's as you file in, the reminders of "stay six feet apart—follow the tape" are repeatedly delivered.

And when it's your turn to march to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" before a crowd of thousands, you recall the God-like words of Mr. Al Bias at rehearsal that morning. "You're stepping into the world now." Unfortunately, the anxious graduate-to-be following you has apparently forgotten the "six foot" caution and is stepping on your gown instead.

Uncomfortably seated in your antiquated folding chair, the music ends and the speeches begin. Doug Cogan, the first commencement speaker, not only asks you to have greater commitments toward your nation, work and family, he also asks for applause during portions of his speech. Willingly, you oblige.

Mary Francell follows him, stressing that "success is open to anyone who chooses to find his own talent."

Mr. and Mrs. Willis led the two lines of graduates-to-be into Rice Field for the last time.

Marching to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance," Chris Bachtel and Dolly Lenox head for their seats.





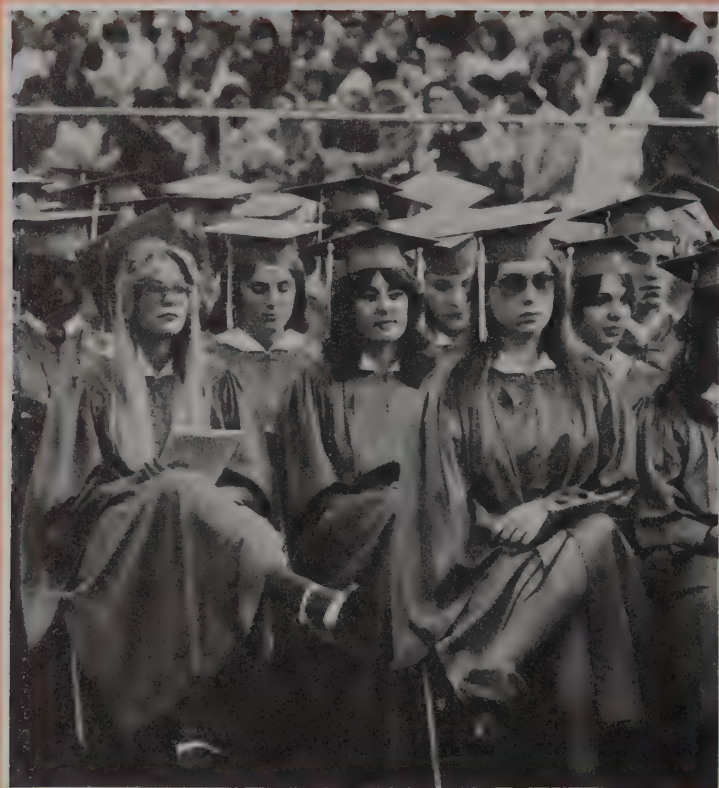
'You're stepping into the world now . . .'

Then begins the long series of speeches by the administrators—"Recognition of Seniors, Acknowledgement of Seniors" and so on. You eventually draw the conclusion that practically everyone who's someone in the school corporation gets to make a speech.

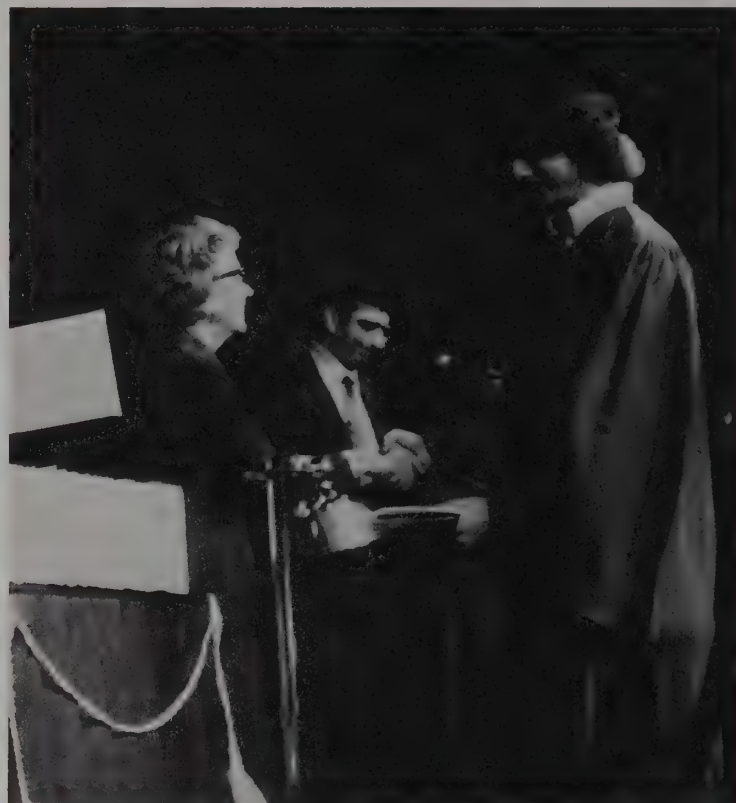
Finally though, Mr. Bias announces that everyone "has met the state requirements for graduation" and the calling of names for diplomas begins. As you approach the podium Mr. Willis' morning instructions of "accept with the left, shake with the right" race through your mind.

After everyone has returned to their seats you're asked to sing that school hymn you've never heard before and your voice—though always flat—is especially choked up.

Then the final recess begins. The joyful hugs, tearful embraces and bittersweet smiles mark the end to an era in your life. Again, Mr. Bias' words echo through your mind. "You're stepping into the world now."



Sitting through the commencement ceremony was tedious work for many seniors.



Keith Bennet remembers to "shake with his right and receive with his left."



Filing out for the final recess, the graduates anticipate the evening's celebration.

Squeals of joy emerged from the graduates as they officially turned their tassels.



Wandering minds seemed to be a common distraction for many seniors during the ceremony.



Diploma in hand, Doug Cogan takes his first liberated walk as a graduate.

by Doug Cogan

A few years ago Central students wondered if they were selecting the right man as our nation's next president. This year they wondered if it would be right to select a homecoming queen.

A few years ago Central students worried about getting a summer job. This year they worried if their choice to work at McDonald's was better than their choice to work at a half dozen factories.

A few years ago Central students spoke out against corruption in government. This year they voiced a need for confetti at Blazer basketball games.

These examples are in no way meant as a condemnation of today's Central student, but more as a reflection of the pastoral times he has lived in.

It is possible that someday Central students may regard these recent times as the "good ol' days." It's not that the days were really that good, but that they lacked the controversy and scandal that has preceded these times and that will inevitably follow them.

No one really had an axe to grind. The U.S. wallowed peacefully with the world under President Carter's incoherent foreign policy. Our economy finally showed signs that it was still alive. And only the Nazis in Skokie, Illinois were trying to mount anything close to a social revolution.

With such a relatively quiet national climate, Central students focused their concerns more toward their personal lives and the things that affected them directly, particularly in school and in the community.

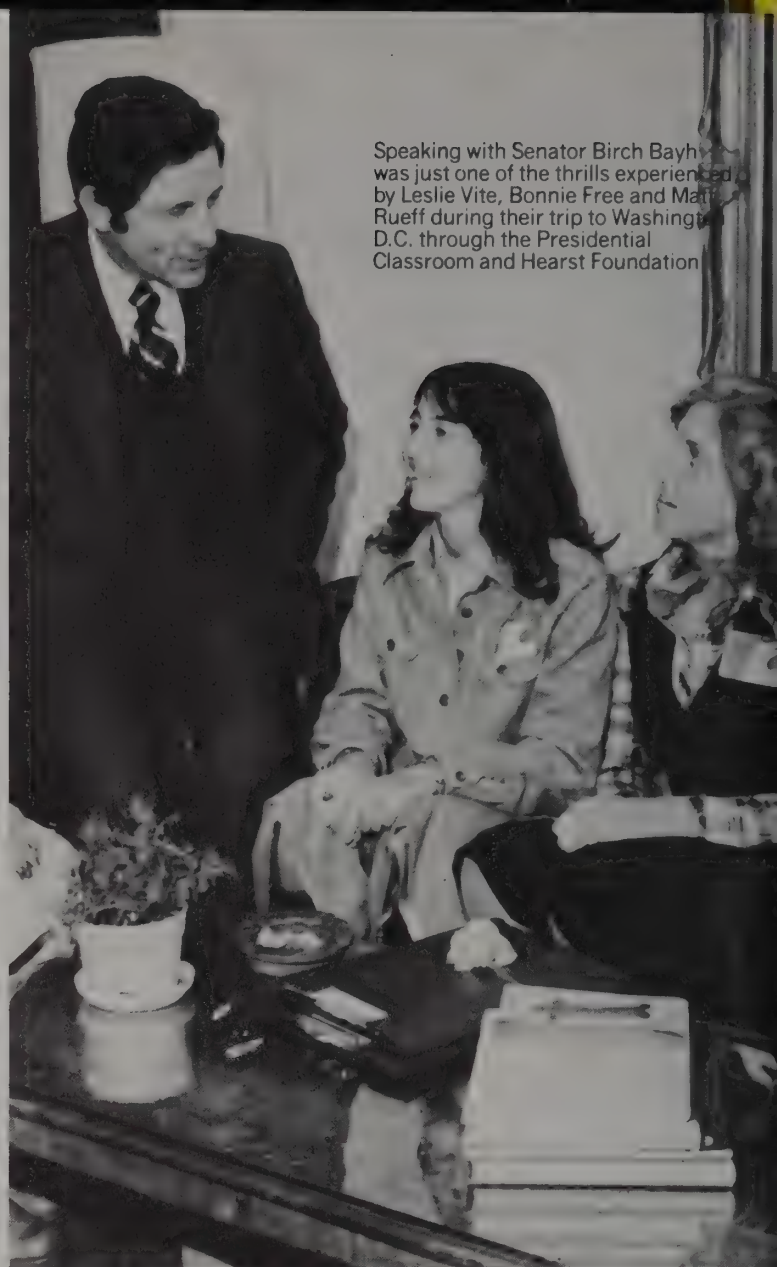
Consequently, the exploits of the basketball team made big news and even received front page coverage countless times in the Elkhart Truth. In fact some critics may say that the greatest accomplishment of the present city administration was getting that team to the state tournament.

Although the city government's involvement was again dubious, other activities were occurring locally that had a rather significant effect on the lives of Blazers and other Elkhartans.

The sale of Miles Laboratories to a German firm, Bayer AG, put millions of dollars in the hands of local shareholders and created fears that Miles' long-treasured commitment to the community might soon end. Bayer officials, addressing the local Chamber of Commerce, were quick to reaffirm Miles' role here.

Elsewhere, business activity was also furious. A labor shortage, created by the rapidly expanding recreational vehicle industry, meant that only a handful of qualified workers could not find jobs.

But a federally-funded study conducted by several Elkhart students showed that the community is now dependent on the RV industry



Speaking with Senator Birch Bayh was just one of the thrills experienced by Leslie Vite, Bonnie Free and Matt Rueff during their trip to Washington D.C. through the Presidential Classroom and Hearst Foundation

alone for significant growth. These conclusions, presented by the students before a group of local business leaders, also made headlines in the Truth.

Yet perhaps the city's biggest attention-getter was ol' man winter who blew harder, longer and colder than in any previous year. In his greatest fury, he dumped a record-breaking 20 inches of snow on Elkhart in 24 hours. Schools were closed for the last week of January and the city took nearly a month to fully recover from the storm.

A nationwide coal strike did not help matters. Indiana and Michigan Electric Company, dependent on coal to produce electricity, reluctantly watched its supply dwindle below the 40-day level and was required by law to cut back service to schools, homes and industries by as much as 50%. Darkened hallways, jackets in classes and abbreviated class schedules became much the fashion for the Central student in late February.

Although other national issues did not have such tangible effects on their lives, some Central students did take an interest in the actions of America's new president, Jimmy Carter.

For the Washington outsider, campaign promises had not been reached with the ease and

Despite energy crisis we may remember these as 'the good ol' days'

It's good to see that some people, Sheryl Crume for instance, enjoyed the harsh winter.

Observing "Sun" day are John Varanelli, Mike Fioritto, Mark Vilmure, Bob Gray, Jerry Biddle and Mr. Kirk Veer.



levels of success he had hoped for.

Despite the fact that our nation's gross national product was growing at a faster rate than any other nation, his efforts to drive the unemployment rate below 6% had met with frustration.

The problem was not that jobs weren't available, but that the nation's labor force, for the first time ever over 100 million, was growing at a faster pace than jobs were opening up.

In foreign policy, President Carter had to work equally hard. Only through a tough lobbying effort was he able to convince the Senate to ratify the treaties giving the sovereignty of the Panama Canal back to Panama.

His human rights rhetoric was scaled down in the face of stiff Soviet statements that such remarks might jeopardize the Strategic Arms Limitations Agreement.

But due to Cuban and Russian involvement in several African countries and the continuing Russian arms build-up in its satellite countries bordering western Europe, the negotiations had come to a virtual standstill anyway.

Faced with problems like these, it's no wonder students may someday regard these times as the "good ol' days."



Some seniors took part in the April election proceedings. Here, Genelee Crump registers a voter.

breezin' with academics and clubs

"Breezin'" was not a term that many Central students used to describe their academic lives. The challenges presented by their subjects were met only through hard work, perseverance and prayer.

Even so, some did find class time to catch a breeze while flying a geometrically-constructed kite or by learning the popular French sport of soccer.

And nearly everyone had the chance to participate in the whirlwind of Blazer clubs.



Librarian Dennis Muir explains the library's new "Tattle Tape," an \$11,000 system, to Joe Lewis, Greg Whaley, Irene Nand, Chris Harter and Jay Schrock as aide Mrs. Evelyn White looks on. Mr. Muir retired at the end of the school year.

A 3-D motion study experiment is performed by Leslie Nelson, Luanne Nelson and Dena Burlingame in Physics.



NHS members team up against the wrestlers during the NHS sponsored noontime tug-of-war happening.



During Mr. Van Young's third hour American Character class, Lil Moore demonstrates she's a character in her own right with her original spirit costume.

Sophomore Becky Gessiness flies a kite she constructed in Kevin Smith's Geometry class.



Helpful assistance and supervision is provided by Tony Moore in an Exploratory Teaching elementary class.

Margaret Smith (left) and husband (right) accompany some Shakespeare buffs to Stratford.

Spirit seeps out of every corner of Mr. Lynn Garrard's classroom which won first place in the third hour decorating contest.

LINKS project report

Folks are content in Elkhart, 'Heart City' has low unemployment

ELKHART, Indiana. Located at a point equidistant from Indianapolis, Chicago and Detroit. Population of metropolitan area tops 65,000.

To most Elkhart citizens, these are well known facts. But how do Central students and other members of the community regard Elkhart culturally?

Is this a dead town?

Are there facilities for a variety of recreational activities?

Does the area attract music and theatre groups?

To these and other questions, a federally funded study, Project LINKS (Local Input Nurtures Knowledge of Social Sciences), has been trying to find some answers.

Conducted by a score

of high school students under the supervision of selected teachers, Project LINKS has provided some valuable insights.

For example, the study indicates that two-thirds of the Central student body remains predominately in Elkhart for its entertainment despite the frequent claim that "there's nothing to do in this town."

That entertainment takes different forms for varying types of people. Browsing in one of the area's two malls, seeing \$3 movies, going bowling and relaxing at one of Elkhart's many parks seem to be popular activities among nearly all students.

Other students take advantage of Elkhart's abundant waterways,

and those who don't have access to them often enroll at the YMCA to swim.

But the study also confirms a common complaint that Elkhart lacks a wide variety of social activities.

More than half of all Central students never go to a concert or see a play in Elkhart outside of high school. The big names, particularly in rock-n-roll bands, play in South Bend or at Notre Dame.

Nearly two-thirds of the Central student body claim to have seen concerts there.

Another 25% or so drive to Goshen on weekend nights to cruise the main drag.

And an undisclosed number of 18-year old Blazers head for the hills of Michigan to do more

than just ski. Night clubs like Shula's and regular drinking establishments like The Dock and Garver Lake are frequently visited spots.

A different segment of the Project LINKS study indicates that students stay much closer to home to find work. It is not only for the convenience of working in the same town you live in, but the accessibility of jobs here that makes this fact especially impressive.

The study shows that the reason for this is that Elkhart's industrial make-up is becoming increasingly centered around the labor intensive recreational vehicle field.

The study concludes that most residents are content in Elkhart.

American Park, next to Elkhart Central, is a favorite place for picnics. It is only one of many places in the area.





Downtown Elkhart is seen from the Greencroft Center. Across Ziesels, Seifert Drugs and First National (seen here before its remodeling) are the roof tops of the buildings which were demolished during the summer. The new Elkhart Centre complex including a motor lodge, restaurant, meeting rooms, cocktail lounge will be built here.



Floral planters, trees and lamps have helped beautify Main Street. Mr. William Miller, of Miller Theatres, has been working with downtown merchants to revitalize the area.



Bonneville Mills, established in 1832, is in a secluded spot near Bristol and is a favorite relaxation spot.



L

inks' project gets students involved

Experimenting with new projects played an important role in the social studies department this year. One such project was "Links" which dealt with Elkhart Community.

Students were taken out for six week periods out of History and Government classes. During these time periods the various groups worked one five aspects of Elkhart—geography, economics, history, culture, and government. The purpose of the project was to compile information for the use of school grades K-12.

While certain teachers were working with students on "Links" Mr.

James Erlacher would substitute for them for six week periods.

To make classes more interesting, teachers developed a variety of ideas. Field trips, for example were taken and speakers came for the AAA, Boos Driars, Oakland and the Samaritan Center.

Sections of Transcendental Meditation and Transactural Analysis were studied while projects in learning such as the human maze was experimented by Mr. Erlacher and Mrs. Shirley Lint. Mock trials, mock governments and role playing continued to play an important and fun part of the year.

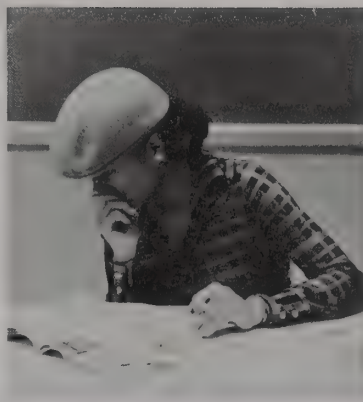


Conducting her "Links" survey from door to door, Deb Smith speaks with an area resident.

During the survey, Deb Smith discusses with a resident her opinion about Elkhart Community.



Esther Yoder uses her time wisely, while working on the culture part of the "Links" project.



During Economics class, Dan Piety, Mr. Charlie Smith and Burke Mitchell discuss issues.

Stephanie Johnson digs through magazines for some added information on a class report.

A sociology class listens to Rev. Dance and Mrs. Shirley Ivy state their point of view.



Rick Marshall, Mike Yeakey, Deb Smith, Helen Blanken, Tony Delserone, Mitch Beaver, Les Bias, Penny Cooper, Jolene Zehr, and John Skarha listen

intently as John Cole presents his side in a mock committee meeting of the state legislature over laetrile.

Taking a break during class, Mary White and Bob Spano are in deep discussion of issues.

Lack of support lamented by council

Who sponsored the Sadie? Where did the door mat come from? How did we get the Valentine Carnations? Who decorated the Christmas tree in the Student Center? The answer to these and many other questions is the Student Council.

Many feel that this year's Student Council didn't accomplish as much as possible. The officers answer to that is the lack of participation. Council officers Matt Rueff (President), Rick Frey (Vice-President), Tracy Ledman (Secretary), Me-Me Chung (Treasurer), were all disappointed with the lack of participation and support from students and faculty alike.

Trying to overcome these difficulties, the council started off the year with a welcome and orientation for the

sophomores. Next on their list was a mixer for the underclassmen to get acquainted.

To help boost the Blazer spirit, the Student Council sponsored spirit week before the Central-Memorial football game. They also participated in the Homecoming Parade, with a float.

Again this year the council carried off another successful Sadie Hawkins Dance. Couples "donned in their Sunday Best" came out to "tie the knot", and get down to Pullman West.

Santa also had some help from Student Council, who decorated a tree in the Student Center and sponsored the room decorating contest and canned food drive. Mrs. Nena Fuller's Advanced Composition class used their creativity to build "Santa's Workshop," and win the room

decorating contest.

For the first time this year, carnations were sold to wish friends and lovers alike "Happy Valentines Day!" They went over very well and, according to the sponsor, in the future will be a set tradition.

The council also came up with a cure for wet, slippery halls. The council, with a little help from the Blazer Booster Club, bought a new door mat for the main

entrance. Kelby Love used his artistic ability to design the mat and welcome everyone through the doors to "Blazer Country!"

But before any of these things happened, Council officers spent many long hours over the summer revising and rewriting the constitution. Besides updating it to fit today's school life, changes including impeachment rules were added.



Student Council officers Matt Rueff (President), Tracy Ledman (Secretary), Rick Frey (Vice-President), and Me-Me Chung (Treasurer) plan an agenda.

Viviane Clemens prepares the backdrop for the ever-popular Sadie Hawkins Dance.





Performing marriage ceremonies for Becky Carl and her date Brian Meecham is teacher Tom Grove.

Lounging on the new front door mat are Matt Rueff, Me-Me Chung, and Kelby Love.



Student Council—Front Row: Matt Rueff, Rick Frey, Tracy Ledman, Me-Me Chung, Cindy Hill, Nancy Simpson, Fondra Story, Donna Robin, Teresa Ferro. Row 2: Karen Oliver, Mike Wambaugh, Shaun Edgerton,

Linda Stephenson, Kelly Craven, Tammy Simmons, Mary Francell, Peg Stokel, Kathy Babcock, Daphne Rochford. Row 3: Margo Sailor, Bruce Bassett, Jim Roth, Pat Moore, Jon Davis, Susie Miller, Steve Spano,

Julie Butler, David Thomas, Tom Shoff. Row 4: Lynn Havlish, Jim Parks, Mark Yeakey, Joe Peterka, John Singleton, Trent Bias, Craig Zentz and John Cole.



Decorating the Student Center at Christmas Time is Tracy Ledman.

Rob Edlund races with two handicap children during a NHS playday at the YM-YWCA.



Romping with a youngster Kate Baird seems to enjoy herself.



Mary Anderson and two friends have a good time playing on an innertube at the Y during a playday.



Senior Rusty Green takes off on his lap of the annual trike race.

Energy crisis halts many NHS activities

Like many other things National Honor Society has been limited in their activities this year by the snowdays, the harsh weather, and the energy crisis. The coal shortage (and result electricity curtailment) caused all after school and noon extra-curricular activities to be halted.

One of the most popular activities that

NHS sponsored was the Noon-Time Happenings. One of these was the trike race. Hundreds of spectators crowded around the oval track in the student center as the contestants took their places at the starting line. Someone blew the whistle and they were off. Everyone waited anxiously at the finish line to discover that

DECA was the winner for the second year in a row.

The ever-popular Dating Game was put on again. The audience waited impatiently to find out who would be matched up with whom.

Another Noon-Time Happening was the Tug-of-War. As the teams pulled and pulled it seemed like the pain would never end until the opposing team was dragged to the other side in an exhausting defeat. The winners were the basketball team.

A new project NHS sponsored this year was the YM-YWCA Playday, which lasted throughout the winter. This is where the members of NHS go and help with disabled children. Many of the activities included swimming and basketball. Treasurer Mary White commented,

"It was a very good project but there wasn't enough interest toward the end of the program."

The tutoring program was also a success this year. The kids who needed tutoring signed up in the office and then the NHS Members tutored them on their own time.

NHS also claimed first prize on their homecoming float. There was much hard work and planning that went into constructing and building the float.

The officers felt that the group's largest accomplishment was the annual Christmas Dance. There was a good turnout and an even better profit.

Even with snow days and the energy crisis, National Honor Society officers felt that they had a productive year.



The football team gives their best in the tug-of-war as the spectators excitedly look on. This is just one of NHS Noon-Time Happenings.

NHS officers Mary White (Treasurer), Eleanor Rose (Secretary), Steve Spano (President), and Greg Busse (Vice-President).

O Cogan receives pie, wens gets top honors

Splat! Newspaper Editor Barb Owens' well directed pie creamed Yearbook Editor Doug Cogan. Roars of laughter followed from the sixth hour yearbook staff. Thus the publication year began.

Crazy antics were actually an exception to a hard working and productive year for newspaper and yearbook staffers.

The Pennant newspaper, under Editor Barb Owens, expanded to eight pages. Barb received a Michiana Sigma Delta Chi first place award for her editorial on "Who's

Who" and a second place in the news category. Other first place winners were Leslie Granger in features and Steve Ball in sports. Doug Cogan received a second place in the editorial category.

At the publication banquet in May, Barb Owens received the "Outstanding Journalist" award, the top award given in ECHS journalism. The "Outstanding Pennant Staffer" award was presented to Genee Crump who took the majority of the yearbook pictures.

Others recognized

with trophies were Doug Cogan, Mary White and Me-Me Chung for yearbook work, Steve Ball for sports and Paul Heaton for news.

Yearbook staffers sold an extra thousand dollars worth of advertising, paying for additional full color pages and added coverage.

Besides adding twice as much color, the number of informal shots taken during fun and casual times was doubled. Girls' sports coverage was expanded and for the first time, girls' score blocks were added.

A special attempt was made to improve the photography, a weaker element in last year's "All American" book.

Presenting Dougie Coogan with a "jock of the year" award for washing out of golf is Steve Spano.



For his efforts in keeping the rats under control, Advisor Monjon receives a rat trap. A genuine Calabash pipe with Meershaum bowl was also presented to Mr. Monjon at the publications banquet.



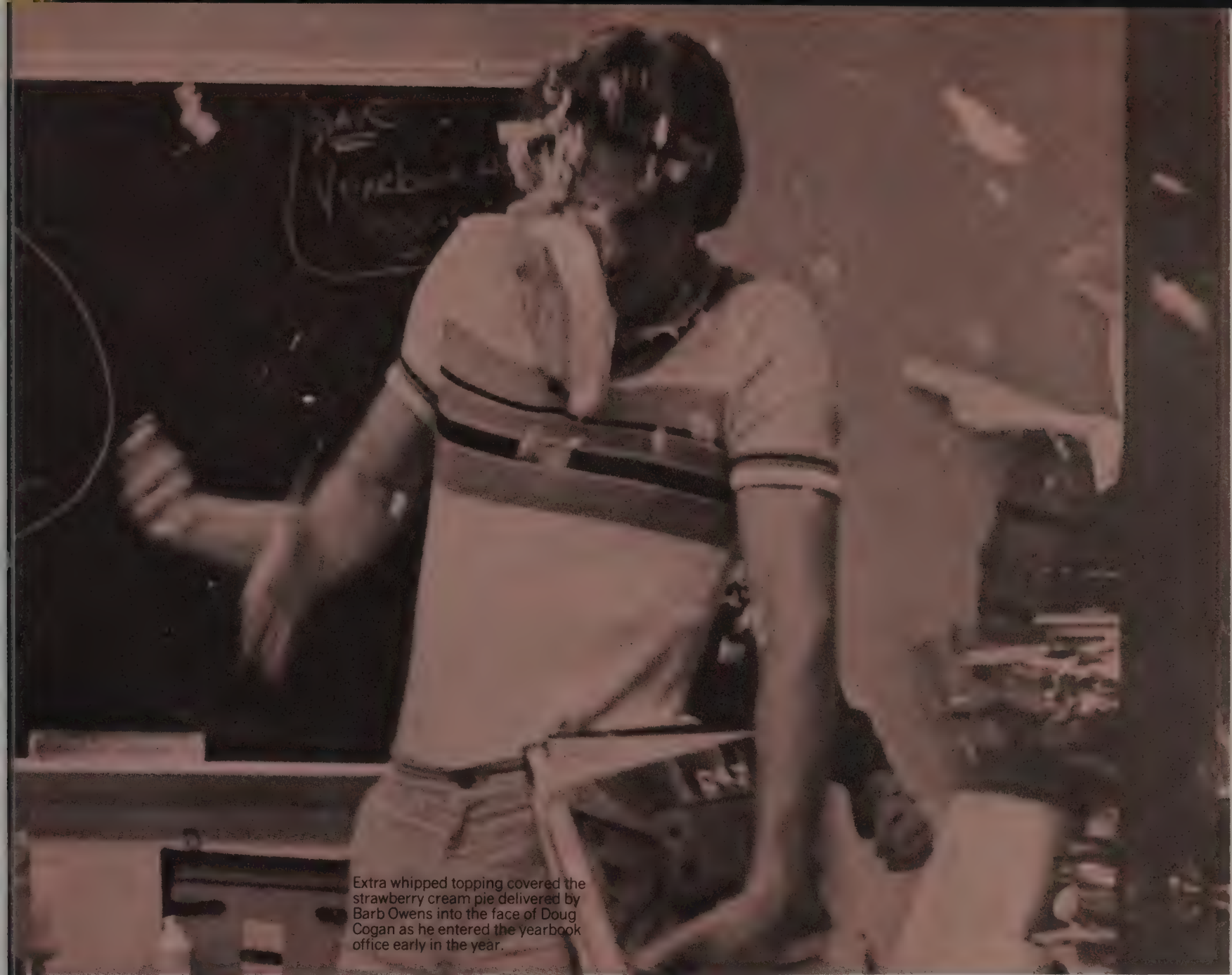
Kenton Monjon presents Barb Owens, editor of the Pennant newspaper, with the "Outstanding Journalist" award at the annual publication banquet.



Because of photographer Genee Crump's fainting spells in the Pennant office, she was given the Miss Horizontal award at the publication banquet.

Pennant Publications—Front Row: Tracy Ledman, clubs; Robin Ahman, junior class. Row 2: Kim Hostetler, junior class; Robert Borrelli, sophomore class; Genee Crump, photography; Mary White, girls' sports. Row 3: Liz Armstrong, faculty; Leslie Granger, newspaper business manager; Barb Owens, newspaper editor; Jeff Vamos, reporter; Bob Spano, music. Row 4: Paul Heaton, reporter; Me-Me Chung, academics/student life; Doug Cogan, yearbook editor; Kelly Craven, senior class; Steve Ball, sports. Not Pictured: Mike Fioritto, photography; Kate Helm, girls' sports/index; Karen Southworth, senior class; Tracy Pfaff, reporter; Brenda Nellist, reporter; Lois Dunkerly, Aussie rooter.





Extra whipped topping covered the strawberry cream pie delivered by Barb Owens into the face of Doug Cogan as he entered the yearbook office early in the year.



These hard working Pennant staffers, Paul Heaton, Mary White and Me-Me Chung, earned themselves positions as editors for the 1978-79 school year.

Photographer Mike Fioritto was responsible for all spring sports pictures in addition to others.

Library research is done by Sharon Weber, Jim Goodsene and Tammy Craig for their Advanced Comp. paper.



Using the Readers Guide to Periodical Literature is explained by Ms. Sandra Duwe to Terry Flynn and Sue Bowers.



A writing assignments is explained by Mr. Van Young to his fourth hour American Literature.

Reading about poets aloud in English Literature are Brent Boyer, John Skarha, Rick Marshall and Deb Smith.



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raditional, required courses return

What's new? That's a question you'd better not ask Van Young, English Department Chairman, unless you really want to know.

The curriculum has had many changes. Seniors can now take a course for college credit—Advanced Placement English or Advanced Composition.

Juniors are offered

American Literature and Writing Lab.

Sophomores have the choice of literature and composition or a speech and study habits course.

"Kids are becoming more practical about writing," says Young, "They know they need it."

English isn't all work: field trips are on the popular side of things. Mrs. Margaret Smith

took a group of students and an "ice-box of pop and snacks" to Stratford, Ontario, Canada for the annual Shakespeare Festival. Mr. Young enjoys taking some of his classes to Bonnyville Mill Park for a pizza blast and the writing of "hokey poems."

What else is new? Our Writers-In-Residence. This is our fifth year to have a writer and "all of them have been a joy to

work with," says Mr. Young. "They've all been very independent and have not only gotten students more interested in poetry and writing, but they have also put some life into the department."

Rory Holscher spent about six weeks working with students in English and other classes. Irish poet Peter Fallon and Cyril Dostal also interpreted much of their own poetry.



Van Young introduces Irish poet Peter Fallon to a large audience of poetry enthusiasts.



Sophomore Julie Kaiser grips the lectern to give her extra balance during a speech.

Julie Wiseman brings to Mr. Kenton Monjon's Creative Writing class an iguana and Florida King snake wrapped around her neck. Her two iguana were the main characters in one of Julie's short stories.

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cience changes to attract more students

Central's science department is caught up in a nation wide trend of lower enrollment and lower grade averages. A majority of the students who have chosen to take science courses have stuck with the traditional biology-physics-chemistry series rather than unified science. Even fewer students are enrolled in the advanced science classes as there is only one class of

aerospace, advanced physics and chemical analysis.

One of the most beneficial new additions is a plot of land donated to the school system which is located behind Memorial. It is set aside for the science classes in the area to use as a research area. "It's hard to use for us at Central because it is so far away, but the Memorial students will benefit

from it," stated Mrs. Kay Dabler

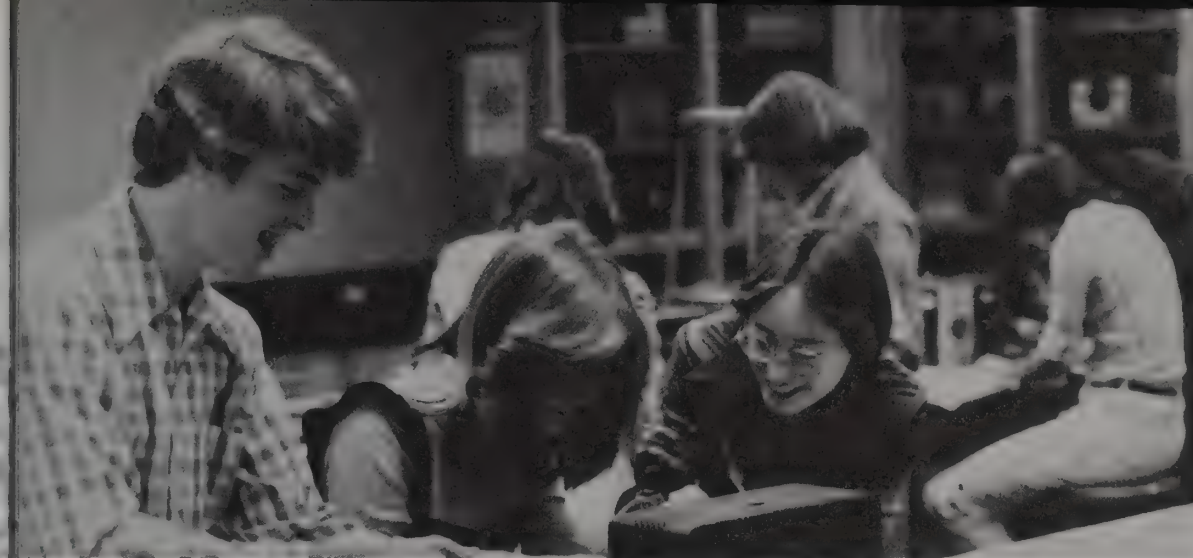
Three students, who were in life science 5 course, made use of the area for special projects. Tad Lovan did a study on the life cycle of the pond that is located on the research site. Gary Higbee studied population, concentrating especially on that of the chipmunk, while John Cole researched plants and

their effects on the community.

Although there hasn't been any change in the curriculum, the science department is changing internally in an attempt to draw more students. Most of these changes are occurring in the unified science courses which "are being modified every year," according to department chairman Mr. Charles Beeson.



After injecting a chick in Mrs. Kay Dabler's biology class, Rita Scott and Nancy Watson wait for the result.



Working as a team, Mike Balsar, Karen Polston and Myra Bartlett find the period of the timer.

Independent study is used by John Cole and Tad Lovan as they work on a chemistry lab.



Carefully watching the results, Bob Clark writes down the data from a linear expansion experiment.

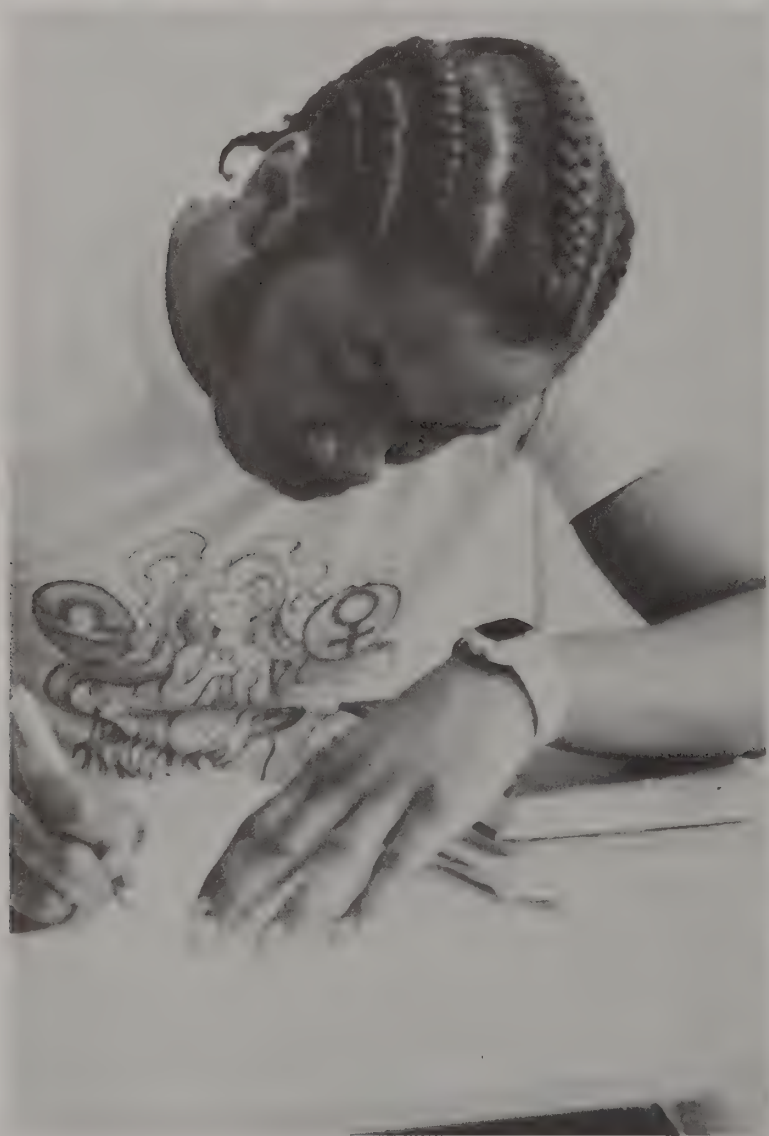


While Liz Rae Armstrong holds the squirming chick, Mike Bourdon carefully prepares to inject it.



Mr. Russ Busse helps John Parks and Sidney Mayes with a tough problem. Craig Ruch prepares himself to write a geometry problem on the board.

Math Contest Winners—Front Row: Tom Tueting, Greg Kiefer, John See. Back Row: Brian Dimos, Boris Sherelis, Karey McKee, Nick Donis, Mark Clementz.



Jimmy Robinson concentrates on completing his algebra assignment.



Posing with their homemade kites are Jeff McGlinchy, Randy Forbreg, Mark Clementz and Jodi Moore.

Intramural math contest is started

For some students math is "a thrill a minute," but for other it's just another boring class in the school day. In an attempt to bring some life into the department, an intramural math contest was held on March 31. Fifteen students payed the 50¢ entry fee to test

their knowledge. After numerous pages of scratch paper and broken pencil points, the test results were finally announced. In the geometry category sophomore Greg Kiefer took the honors. Sophomore John See won the algebra 3-4 and in the comprehensive,

junior Tom Tueting came out on top.

Another highlight of the year was when Mr. Robert Feighner and his computer math class took their annual field trip to the St. Joseph Valley Bank Data Center where they learned the input and output of computers.

This year's calculus class took time out from their studies to sing "Calculus carols" during Christmas. They also added their part to the basketball sectional pep rally with a "Calculus cheer" led by their leader and teacher, Mr. Russ Busse.



Becky Gessiness displays her talent in kite flying as Mr. K. Smith's Geometry students fly their own homemade kites.

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arkroom, sinks, 9 enlargers allow for more student efficiency

New equipment and a new part-time teacher, Pam Smith has been added to art. There is now another darkroom and nine new enlargers to go with it. Sinks were installed during the summer. Light tables will

be added to one of the present art rooms for those students taking commercial art.

New classes and additions to old ones may encourage more students to take art. Workshop III is an

addition to I and II. Sophomores may take Commercial Art or Beginning Photo Design without having taken Introduction to Art I. There are now two sections of sculpture and textile design and an advanced placement course called Art History.

Along with new

classes were field trips to such places as the Moonraker, Chicago Art Institute, Goshen College and the Century Center.

Also art exhibits blossomed with showings at the Mall, the administration building and ones in connection with the musical and last choir concert.



A charcoal sketch of Demetha is done by Gerald Johnson in Mr. Tom Grove's third hour art class.



Tracy Ledman, Lisa Rakow, Bob Gray, Don Pierce, Ben Jonker and Chris Gran sketch in their own personal way.



With careful precision, Nick Donis puts a finishing touch to his teakettle in crafts class.



This leopard, one of Kelby Love's favorite artworks, was painted by Kelby for a friend of his mothers.



John Edlund, Claire Hadley and Dolly Lenox examine artwork done by students at Central.

With utmost concentration, Becky Brumbaugh sketches her drawing.

Cultural projects enrich language

Culture, as well as the language, was stressed in foreign language. Spanish students learned about the ways of life of these through packets written by Spanish teachers from around the country. Each packet dealt with one aspect of Spanish culture ranging from food to holidays. "It made the class more interesting. I learned a lot from them," stated third year student Me-Me Chung.

Oral reports in the German classes brought out many features of German culture. Soccer games also added to the

students cultural knowledge as they learned about the country's most popular sport.

Except for the time spent learning culture, the class periods are used in learning the basics of the languages. "We can't spend the time studying the literature and the art of the different countries in depth because the students won't have enough background in the languages," commened department head Mr. Adam Bossnack. Some literature though was studied in the advanced

Spanish and French classes.

While enrollment was up in Spanish, German, and French classes the Latin classes experienced difficulties. Because of the problems in retaining teachers, all three levels of Latin were taught the same hour with a fifty percent decline in enrollment expected for next year.

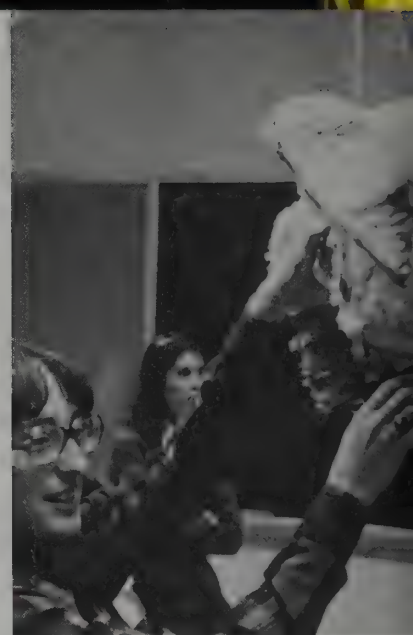
"What the students don't realize at first is that they will have a chance to use the language later on. A language is a unique opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the world.



French seems to be the foreign language for Sue Hornell as she concentrates on her studies.



Becky Gessiness, Nancy Lutey, Tom Conway, Mrs. Betty Sherck, Terry Holt, Bill Johnson and Sandra Boyd look over the tasty selection.



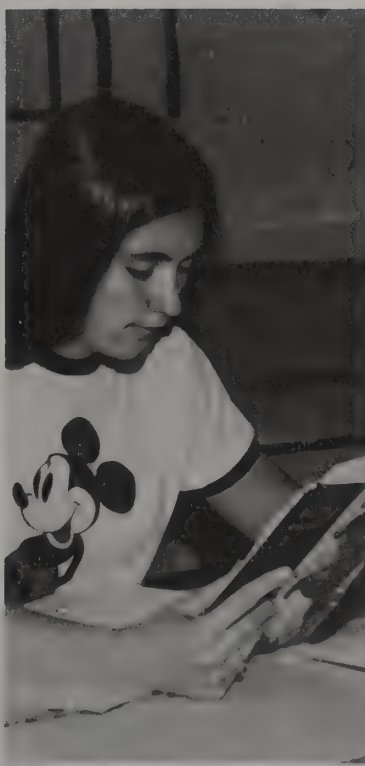
Sandra Boyd swings at the pinata, while Lisa Jullierat, Theresa Theis, Jamie Kaiser, Glen Stoecking and Myra Bartlett look on.



Myra Bartlett and Sandra Boyd hold up their pinata that they spent many hours on for a Spanish fiesta.

The German class learns more about the culture by enjoying a meal in German class.

Julie Metz, Karol Everett, Kate Baird, Tad Lovan, Huey Wells and Rick Kohl use their time productively.



Setting her mind on her studies, Dawn Caffrey does some reading in her Latin class.



Eying the variety of food, Diana Schlundt, Becky Carl and Karlee Thorton get ready to sample it.

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peech wins 6 trophies, DECA goes to nationals

A young speech team made up of about two thirds sophomores did exceptionally well this year. According to Coach Nancy Schlegel, "the team had unity and a wide variety of people placed in their events during the season."

Senior Mary Francell was the most consistent speaker, with a sixth place finish in the state meet in Poetry. Moreover, she wasn't alone, the team as a whole finished a strong third in the sectional meet, and brought home six trophies during the regular season.

The season was ended with an informal spaghetti dinner during which sophomore, Richard Borrelli, received the award for outstanding underclassman and Mary Francell received the Galen Wenger award

Sokol named DECA President for Indiana

for outstanding senior.

What is DECA? Is it just the organization that gets together every year to win the trike race? No, DECA is Distributive Education Clubs of America.

A course offered for juniors, it deals with the aspects of Marketing, Merchandising and Management.

The first thing DECA did this year was attend a seminar at Ball State to brief them on the different contests that they would be participating in. On February 14, Indiana District II of DECA held it's Carrer Development Conference at Scottsdale Mall in South Bend. DECA members were judged and the top

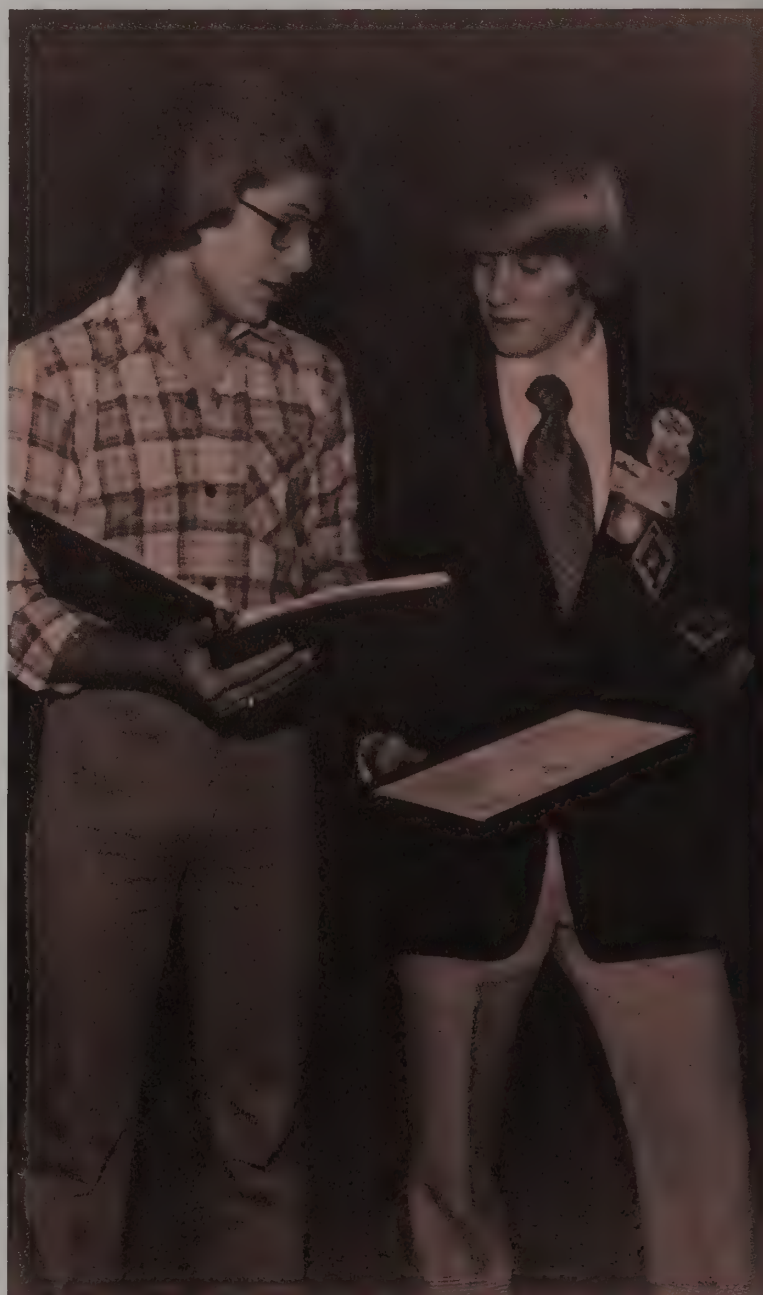
winners advanced to state competition.

On March 17-19 the State Competition was held in French Lick, Indiana. It was a combined contest for the 12 districts of DECA chapters in the state. The winners from the district contests competed again and were judged.

The top four places in every event qualified for nationals. Mike Prichard won a first place for his Marketing Manual on DECA Peanut Butter and Jim Grandholm received a fourth place on an Advertising Series. They also elected Max Sokol as DECA president for the state of Indiana.



NHS Trike Champs holding their trophy are DECA members Jeni Ginther, Max Sokol, Rusty Green and Pat Moore.



Mike Prichard and Max Sokol view the DECA manual which qualified Mike for Nationals.

Cheryl Crume, Barb Lutey, Assistant Coach Margaret Smith, Vicki Lawrence, Sandra Boyd (hidden),

Genee Crump, Coach Nancy Schlegal and Ross Burdin prepare for the Penn-Goshen Invitational meet.



Entertaining themselves at a Speech party are Jeannie Prange, Cheryl Crume, Nancy Parrish, Robert Borrelli, Sandra Boyd and Ross Burdin.



DECA Members—Front Row: Ramona Beecher, Michelle Abby, Tammy Campanello, Tammy Craig, Pat Moore, Duanne Sehwerha, Rusty

Green and Gary Fileccia. Row 2: Karen Beck, Becci Crussmeyer, Teresa Heaton, Mary Anderson, Kim Kruse, Tonja Barrett. Row 3: Ed Van

Wormer, Pat Rahn, Janice Coleman, Helen Baskin, and Sandy Virgil.

Speech Team—Front Row: Robert Borrelli, Genee Crump, Richard Borrelli, Pam Helvey. Row 2: Effie Footziz, Karen Oliver, Nancy Parrish, Bruce Bassett, Mary Francell. Row 3: Margo Sailor, Sandra Boyd, Susie Miller, Kelly Platz, Jeannie Prange. Back Row: Mike Terlep, Paul Heaton, Cheryl Crume, Mike Yeakey and Mike Wain. Not Pictured: Vicki Lawrence, Barb Lutey, Larry Crump, Jennifer Cheyne, Matt Rueff and Ross Burdin.

Physical Education to go co-ed, new driving range in summer

As physical fitness quickly becomes one of the nations fastest growing trends, high school students find physical education classes more enjoyable. Next year, due to Title Nine, Physical education courses will become even more enjoyable, as co-ed classes are installed.

Despite mixed classes, the curriculum will

remain the same. The only time that the class will be segregated is during units involving physical contact. Both girls and boys will complete the contact sport unit, after which the class will return to mixed participation. Each class will be taught by at least two teachers so that when it becomes necessary to split the class, each group will

have its own instructor.

The drivers education department will also see change in the future, as the driving range comes into use.

"Its purpose is to give students experience in driving maneuvers such as steering, passing, and parallel parking," stated drivers education teacher Tom Kurth. The driving range will be used only during the

summer sessions and will replace some of the on the road driving.

Two students will ride in each car, following the instructions given over the radio by the teacher.

Central is one of four high schools in northern Indiana to have a driving range, which will provide students with extra actual driving practice.



Practicing driving techniques in the simulators are Tim Armstrong and Steve Hanson.



Receiving final instructions before entering the water is Mr. Rollie Hoover's 5th hour swimming class.



Cindy Koontz uses all her strength to serve the ball while playing tennis in her gym class.

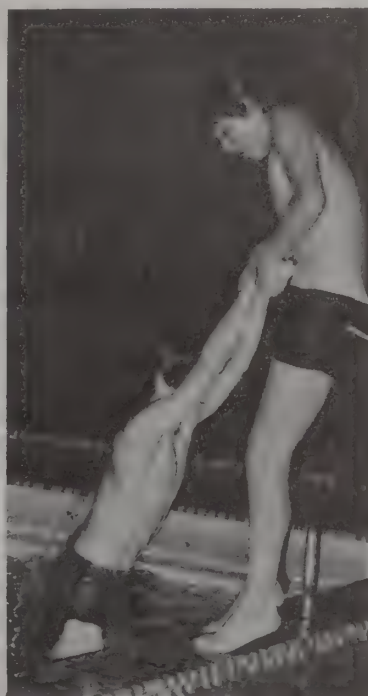
Keeping in shape by lifting weights are Brook Nordstrom, Mark Hartman, Jimmy Williams, and David Pairitz.



Rounding first and on her way to second during a game of kickball is Lisa Spirito.



Practicing the cross chest carry are Dan Barber, Tod Roberts, Doug Miller, and Steve Rodkey.



Dave Madigan lifts Ed Francell out of the pool, one of the techniques learned during life saving.



Showing their trophies are Mary Francell, Dan South, Angie Bierbaum, Mike Ehert and Elise Snyder.

T

hespians induct 25, 'Finian's Rainbow' announced as next year's fall musical

Mike Ehert and Elise Snyder were honored at the Thespian Banquet for best acting. Mary Francell (Best Musical Actress), Angie Bierbaum (Outstanding Thespian) and Dan South (Best Technician) were also presented awards.

One of the first productions of the Thespians was the Christmas Children's play **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs of the Black Forest**. Elementary students from neighboring schools

were bussed in and filled the auditorium with laughter and applause.

To Kill A Mockingbird was presented before spring recess. Effective scenic props (especially the houses) and dramatic acting helped re-create the small southern town.

Twenty five new Thespian members were inducted by Michele Anderson (President), Mike Ehert (Vice-President), Mary Francell (Secretary), Deb Smith (Treasurer), and Cheryl Menzel, sponsor.



Michele Anderson lights a candle as Vice President Mike Ehert reads at the Thespian induction.



In the trial scene from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Bob Ewell (Frank Cataldo) accuses Tom Robinson (Neil Hall) of attacking his daughter.

Atticus (Kevin Quarandillo) reprimands Dill (Mike Ehert), Jem (Larry Crump), and Scout (Janet Bierbaum) for bothering Boo Bradley.



Gathered around Snow White are Jay Latva, Mike Ehret, Jim Logan, Marianna Brough, Patti Cook, Luanne Nelson, Sue Miller, Kim Phelps and Robert Flynn, who all cheer her on.



Kathy Coulter, Dan South, Phil Rees, Janet Bierbaum, Susie Miller, Kevin Frisby, Ryan Burdin, Larry Crump,

Vicki Atwater and Elise Snyder get ready to be inducted as Thespians.



Fran Nelson (Queen Bella) offers a poison apple to Elise Snyder (Snow White) in the Christmas play.

CRIS,
NONE OF
THE SWEETEST,
THE CRAZIEST
PERSONS IN
THIS WHOLE
SCHOOL. I
WILL MISS
YOU SO MUCH.
I MEAN WITH
YOU STANDING
BESEME FOR 2
YEARS. YOU KINDA
GROW ON A PERSON!
LOVE ALWAYS
WENDY

Sounds and shades of blue and white march down Second Street in the Memorial Day parade.



Modeling new uniforms the band purchased after a fund-raising drive is sophomore flutist John Foster.

The clarinet section led by Barbara Pletcher concentrates intently on a difficult passage.



Concert Band—Front Row: Karin Nystrand, Sue Ankersen, Lori Logan, Helen Blanken, Stacey Reber, Linda Holloway, Teri Higgins, Michele Thursby, Kelly Formsa, Jodi Moore, Sara Moore, Debbie Fenton. Row 2: Barbara Pletcher, Kelly Davis, Carol Szobocsan, Vicki Atwater, Carolyn Stitgen, Peg See, Jenifer Bixler, Carol

Hammes, Gayner House, Linda Shields, Sandy Hostetler, Lisa Cappelletti, Elise Snyder, Sheryl Stoffer, Steve Nystrand, Lisa Young, Brenda Kiernan, Joe Ross, Jolene Zehr. Row 3: Marcia Martin, Cheryl Pearose, Doretta Nielson, Deb Smith, Cheryl Paul, Dan Gosling, John Cole, Pat Welch, Ed Francell, Brian

Brinson, Jay Schrock, John Stoffer, Jon Davis, Eric Powers, Teresa Young, Tami Fry, Laura Hemphill, Brian Pauley, Lesa Hanover, Margo Books, Karen Van Skyhock, Tim Walters, Dutch Heinhuis, Doug Zehr, Kevin Boyer, Chris Schrock, Neil Perron. Back Row: Becky Schwindaman, Jenny Bell, Ryan

Burdin, Kim Westlake, Carol Everett, John Skarha, Jim Clements, Bill Haut, Dean Daniels, Jim Grove, Dan South, Dan Kreiser, Steve Rodkey, Pete Hruby, Steve Lyle, Carole Bovard, Terry Miller, Erick Hartsma, Craig Ray, Randy Forbregd.

O

chestra, bands give impressive concerts to appreciative fans

Flute soloist Karin Nystrand performs "Concertino" by Chaminade in the "Etude" concert.



Under the direction of Alfred Blickensderfer, the orchestra had a busy year. In the fall many members formed the pit orchestra for the musical.

A special concert was held at the Concord Mall and the group also toured area junior highs playing mini-concerts.

A brilliant line up of soloists highlighted the Spring Concert. Seniors Barry Kiernan, cello; Barb Lutey, piano; Nancy Kilbert, violin;

John Cole, trumpet; and Carole Bovard, tuba; performed.

With a five day tour of Canada on the drawing board for next year, the band did not tour. However, they were busy with their own concerts.

The popular Jazz Band performed their annual concert "The Tops in Pops" and "Opus Concert". Senior Karin Nystrand highlighted the "Opus Concert".

Adding a impressive flare to two of the band's

concerts were guests Lew Soloff in his second appearance and Tony Campise.

Next year the schedule of the music department will be undergoing some changes. The instrumental classes have been arranged so that a Jazz band course may now be offered.

The new arrangement will now allow wind players to be a part of the orchestra from the first day of school.



Attentively following the direction of Mr. Knipfel, band members perform in the "Etude" concert.



Symphonic Orchestra—Front Row: Robert Spano, Dan Wilson, Tim Schenk, Karey McKee, Kim Wise, Paul Maciejewski, Matt Rueff, Barry Kiernan. Row 2: Nancy Kilbert, Julie Johnson, Paul Heaton, Betsy

Johnson, Teri Higgins, Helen Blanken, Karin Nystrand, Carolyn Stitgen, Peg See, Michelle Scherar, Clint Lowery, Judy Kane, John See. Row 3: Nancy Parish, Mark O'Brien, Jamie Keiser, Effie Froutzis, Cheryl

Paul, Barbara Pletcher, Carol Hames, Gayner House, Carole Bovard, Chris Hargrove, Marianna Brough, Boris Sherelis, Kim Young. Row 4: Barb Lutey, Brenda Kiernan, Joe Ross, Katie Fromm, Larry Pratt, Sue

Harreld, Becky Gessiness, George Foster. Row 5: John Skarha, Dean Daniels, Dan Gosling, John Cole, Neil Perron, Chris Schrock, Kevin Boyer.

E xcellent ratings given to choir members



Off to an active start, Concert Choir members attended a two day outing at Geneva Center, near Rochester, Indiana. The 60 member ensemble spent the time rehearsing and enjoying the many recreational activities.

In the fall many choir members participated in **The Sound of Music**. A large number of choir members also produced many excellent ratings at the NISBOVA solo and ensemble contests.

Concerts on the choir's agenda included "Reflections in Blue", the combined local Vocal and Spring contests.



Combined Choirs—Front Row: Janis Coleman, Clara Hadley, Kathryn Van Dyke, Karin Nystrand, Marilyn Elliot, Judy Shaver, Kathy Colser, Flora Woods, Fran Nelson, Julie Bryant, Sue Thompson, Becky Vamos. Row 2: Kathy Janecka, Deb Garman, Angie Bierbaum, Traci Campoli, Eleanor Rose, Deb Smith, Carol Simms, Kelly Kelsey, Georgia Nelson, Theresa

Heaton, Eileen Stephenson, Lori Reinheimer, Elaine Stokel, Karen Southworth, Kim Liddy, Hope Collins, Frank Cataldo, Mike Ehret, Jamie Shaw, Joe Roth, Greg Parrish, David Yoder, Scott Homan, Doug Andresen, David Hostetler, Kevin Quarandillo, Pat Ryan, Antony Bean, Sue Shea, Linda Longcor, Pam Moyer, Becky Wiskotoni, Beth Armstrong, Amy

Stephenson, Theresa Ferro, Mary Francell, Bonnie Free, Carline Konecny, Lori Temple, Tracey Johnson. Row 3: Melissa Miller, Tracy Neff, Criss Terlep, Kathy Wyatt, Theresa Hyser, Derrilyn Williams, Terry Miller, Toby Yoder, Mike Wambaugh, Joe Peturka, Jon Klopfenstein, Jay Cavitt, Bob Clark, Curtis Hill, Brian Greene, Adrian

Calhoun, Carol Thornton, Kathy Stephenson, Kathy Dobson, Stacy Waltz, Julie Campbell, Shirley Furlow, Bobbie Edmunds, Lisa Rakow. Row 4: Vicki Atwater, Vicky Lawrence, Lydia Rodino, Jenny Ginther, Ted McAleer, Tom Steward, Frank Woodley, David Carr, Mark Longacre, Irvin Boggs, Diane Keen, Kathleen O'Connell, Lori Stikel, Lois Klein, Irene Nand,



Shades of Blue—Front Row: Doug Andresen, Eileen Stephenson, Tom Stewart, Amy Stephenson, Frank Cataldo, Kathy Dobson, Adrian Calhoun, Dennis Phipps. Row 2: Kathryn Van Dyke, Thersa Ferro, Jay Cavitt, Lydia Rodino, Becky Wiskotoni, Brian Greene. Back Row: Derrilyn Williams, Jim Roth, Clara Hadley, Eleanor Rose, Linda Longcor, Vicki Atwater, Kathy Colter, Mary Francell, Pat Ryan.



Daphne Rockford, Kathryn Wells, Tena Schul, Jeannie Prang, Lisa Jones, Janel Hackman, Elaine Fair, Jeff Casteldo, Randy Shoff, Steve Kamson, Joe Bostian, Larry Crump, Tim Armstrong, Dave Geinhires, Jody Moore, Sue Hoepfner, Diane Stone, Lori DeGoller, Michelle Waltz, Brenda Moyer, Lori Wilsey, Christine Rose, Tammy Simmons, Gwen Ewart,

Connie Weber, Mary Barnes, Marsha Books. Back Row: Penny Wolf, Tammy Cook, Deb Paulson, Lola Gershberger, Sheila Brackeu, Cindy Huot, Susy Miller, Margo Sailor, Kathleen Laughlin, Jonathon Nissbaum, Guy Biddle, Tandy Volkart, Chris Quinn, Matt Van Dyke, Brian Wetzell, Glen Collins, Dave Boraard, Joe Shanholt, Ray Statler,

Ray Zimmerman, Brenda Jones, Janis Wagner, Amy Cleveland, Tracey Lewis, Mary Sue Miller, Cheryl Crume, Cynthia Hill, Tammy Forey, Omega Adams.

N

ew books, classes, objectives used in business

New books, new classes and new objectives started the business department off in high gear this year. Working under a new format, the department recognized the need of business skills by everyone and formulated the classes to conform that idea. One result was the addition of a sophomore business class. The class, business orientation, was designed to give the students an introduction into the many different areas of the broad business spectrum.

Accounting, typing and the many phases of business classes were a

popular selection of classes by students representing all three grade levels. Many students realized the need for knowledge of business procedures and skills, resulting in the higher enrollment.

Helping students to understand is just one facet to business, a business simulation set was introduced into some of the business and accounting classes. The set was designed to give students a close look at the different areas of business and its finances. A trip to a local bank also helped to provide students with a first hand look at some

of the many areas of business and accounting.

A large number of business students work part-time after school at a wide variety of business orientated jobs. These jobs can provide very useful experience that can be used in obtaining a full time job once the student has graduated.

According to Mrs. Ginnie Ogren, business department chairperson, the new program introduced this year is "working well" and she expects that the demand for business education will increase as more students discover the

need for a business education.

The business department is continually stressing the idea that in any form of business administration a person should have a liberal amount of education in business. The more knowledge of business the better, and the better the chances are of finding a good job. The department also emphasizes that it is good to have some knowledge of business, and that having an understanding of business functions can only be a benefit.

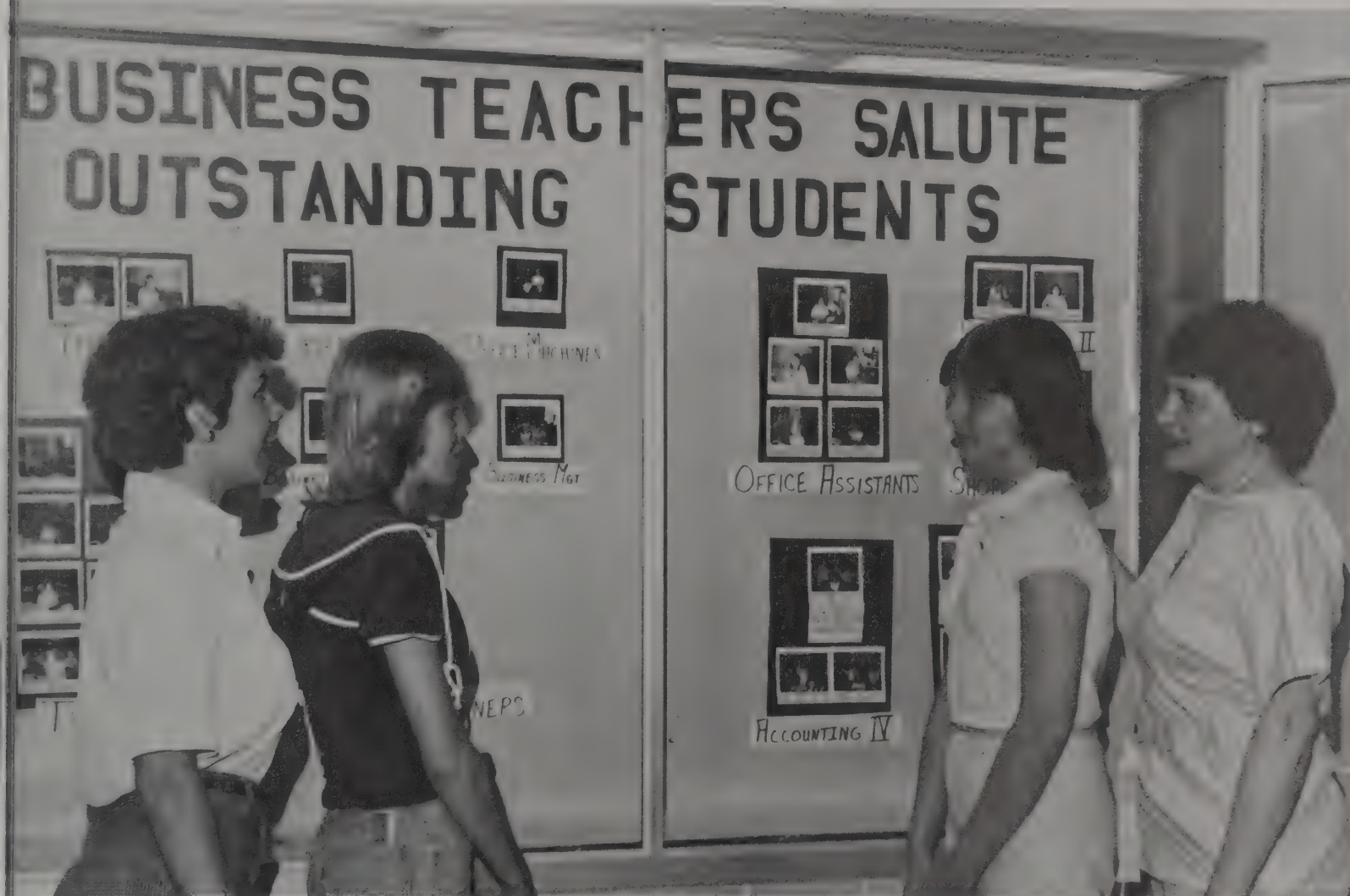


Mrs. Mary Lloyd lends Lori VanSkyhock some advice during typing class.



Learning to run one of the many machines used in business are Glenda Hastings and Deb Garman.

Observing outstanding students in the business department are Janele Hackman, Lisa Cressler, Sue Bowers and Mrs. Sharrie Watson.



Jodie Douglas prepares to insert fresh paper while other students type busily.

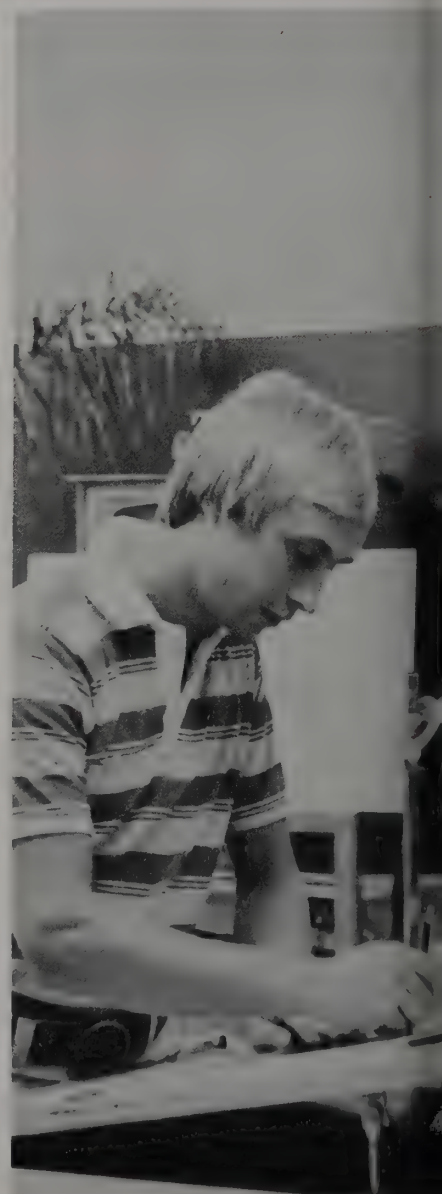
Marty Donnell, Pete Hruby, Joe Donnell, Hilary Knight, Bob LeDonne, Jeff Lyon, Kelly Custer and John Singleton watch as Jeff Jullierat demonstrates his finished product in architectural drawing class.

Scott Johnson practices his printing techniques in Graphics and Photography class.



Mr. Mark Snider takes a look at the car Mike Fioritto, Dave Airstman and Pat McKenna are working on.

Mr. Ron Geyer demonstrates skills needed in drafting while Dave Pairitz observes.





C

areers sampled in Industrial Arts

"Giving students the chance to sample a possible career in many subject areas and to allow them to develop the knowledge and skills required for an intelligent selection of many possible careers" were the main objectives of the industrial arts department.

Automechanics taught students how an automobile works and how to repair minor problems. Many worked on their own cars for their class projects.

Some beautiful and useful products came out of the woodwork classes, especially during second semester when students were allowed to choose and design their own project.

One of the major requirements of the architectural drafting class was to draw a full set of house plans. The students were then required to study the strength of the houses for a more realistic understanding of the difficulties involved in

designing and constructing houses.

In order to further the students knowledge of the various fields, many trips were taken. Some of the places visited include Crown International Electronics Corp, Lithotane Inc., and the Elkhart Truth.

Industrial arts developed many talents and provided the necessary background knowledge needed for a student to decide if this is a field he desires to pursue in the future.



Properly garbed for the job, Bob Gray works his piece of metal on the grinder.



Mark Drye lends a helping hand to Wilbur Robinson on a project in woodworking class.



Kris Walker works vehemently to construct an oscilloscope in electronics class.

H

ome careers are goal

"Home Sweet Home" is the hopeful end for students taking Home Economics. Course titles have been changed, but the course make-up has remained much the same.

Child Guidance has kept busy by visiting three elementary schools while working on communications with children. Their main project was the annual nursery school.

In clothing classes the students worked independently on garments, and tailoring students worked on new techniques on a main project: jackets or coats.

Foods classes spent a day with some second graders teaching them how to cook and how good nutrition was important to their good health.

Field trips were enjoyed by most

everyone. Clothing classes made a field trip to the career center and to a furniture store. Child Development went on an expedition to the Hospital Delivery Room.

Home Ec stresses how to use leisure time wisely. "Our department emphasis," says Ms. Marilyn Moore, "is on careers, especially the jobs that don't require a college education."

Mary Gaskill carefull pins her pattern to the material making sure to line things up.



With deft fingers, Cheryl Dues puts on a final layer of stain on her desk project.



Doris Moutria and Beth Stump ready their skirts for a finishing touch—the hemline.



At a Hawaiian food sampling party, Deb Young, Barb Shepard and Jena Michalsk test delicacies.



Aiding each other, Jim Robinson and Stephine Johnson carefully assemble a cake.



The nursery during Child Guidance provides fun and activities for the kids as well as Donna Stiver.



What would you like to hear? Senior Kevin Quarandillo is working as a D.J. for the Career Center radio station.

Welding metal in chosen crafts class is Senior Phillip Smith.



Working with his computer in computer programming is Senior Wayne Danner.



Master chef Jim Williams pours coffee in his foods class.



Making sure his plants are growing right in horticulture is Dan Gould.

C

areer Center offers clerical, technical skills

Planning a career for the future is not always easy but the Career Center may help and is available to juniors and seniors in high school. Programs are available in clerical, professional and technical work.

In the clerical fields students may be interested in bookkeeping or typing but might want to enter a special field. Then medical dental office assistant and medical

secretary classes should be taken. Many job opportunities in doctors and dentists offices are available and work in clinics and hospitals to students trained in clerical fields of work.

Some of the jobs offered in the professional and technical fields may include health occupations, technical drafting, electronics, photography, horticulture, radio,

television and computer programming among others.

If you're thinking about entering one of these fields, check for information about specialized classes offered at the Career Center.

Other areas offered are farming, labor, services, operatives, crafts, managers, sales and transportation.

A placement service is available to all students

at the Career Center, and a qualified student may be placed in a local business. Job opportunities and openings also reach the Career Center students through the placement service.

For students who do not want to go to college, the Career Center may be just the first step in planning a successful future.



Checking her flowers, Marilyn Elliott is making sure everything is just right.

Junior Lori Hostetler picks cosmetology and practices rolling up hair.



Examining the engine part closely, Neal Hall looks interested in machine trades.

Much enthusiasm is shown by Blazer Fans cheering at the state final basketball tournament.

't's '78 and we're going to state . . . '

"It's '78 and we're going to state . . . GO BIG BLUE!" This chant grew in popularity as the basketball team made their way to the state finals.

With the support of the cheerleaders and the enthusiasm of the fans, spirit towards athletics soared.

"The homecoming parade," sponsored by the Pep Club, "was fantastic," said the cheerleaders, "with more school spirit than ever before."

Senior Elaine Stokel said, "with all the great teams, school spirit and pep sessions, the '77-'78 year was **the** year to be a cheerleader and the excitement will never be forgotten."

The cheerleaders sold Blazer mugs which included all of basketball's exciting moments: winning the Holiday Tourney, Sectionals, Regionals, and the Semi-state with the word "Champs" printed along each side of the mugs. The mugs also stated that the Blazers were one of the final four in the state.

Cheerleading sponsors Karen Klarecki and Pat Cook,

will use the money to buy new uniforms.

Seniors Randy Herron and Steve Spano were recruited half-way through the year as cheerleaders. Randy and Steve helped the whole school become involved in spirit activities.

Buttons were the big buck for the Pep Club this year, selling more buttons than ever before.

With Robert Slaughter as Pep Club sponsor, a Spirit Advisory Council was established to get

more ideas from students for school spirit. The council was made up of Shirley Furlow, Tammy Mellinger, Jeanne Schurwonn and Jamie Crowell.

For Pep Club members, Wednesday afternoons were used to plan dances, pep rallies and make signs to decorate the student center.

Mr. Slaughter, Miss Klarecki, and Miss Cook commented on school spirit and said just one thing: "Spirit was fantastic—let's keep it up . . ."



J.V. cheerleaders are Dawn Martin, Kris Southworth, Lori DeGolier, Tracy

Cheering at a pep session are varsity cheerleaders Sue Thompson, Jamie Crowell, Julie Butler, Elaine Stokel, Amy White and Betsy Keene.



Pfaff, Christine Rose and Lynn Schwindaman.



Derby decorating winners are Melissa Miller, Larry Crump, Laura Hemphill,

Dave Madigan, Tom Shoff and Robert Borrelli.



Displaying the Homecoming parade trophy are Pep Club members Sandra Boyd, Carrie Conway, and Jeanne Schurwonn.

breezin' with people

If it weren't for a very special group of people called "Blazers," Elkhart Central wouldn't be much of a high school and 1977-78 would not have been much of a school year.

But the Blazers' diverse talents, interests and backgrounds made the school become richly alive. They created an atmosphere as fresh as the spring wind that carried them through the school year. They made it a time for "breezin' "

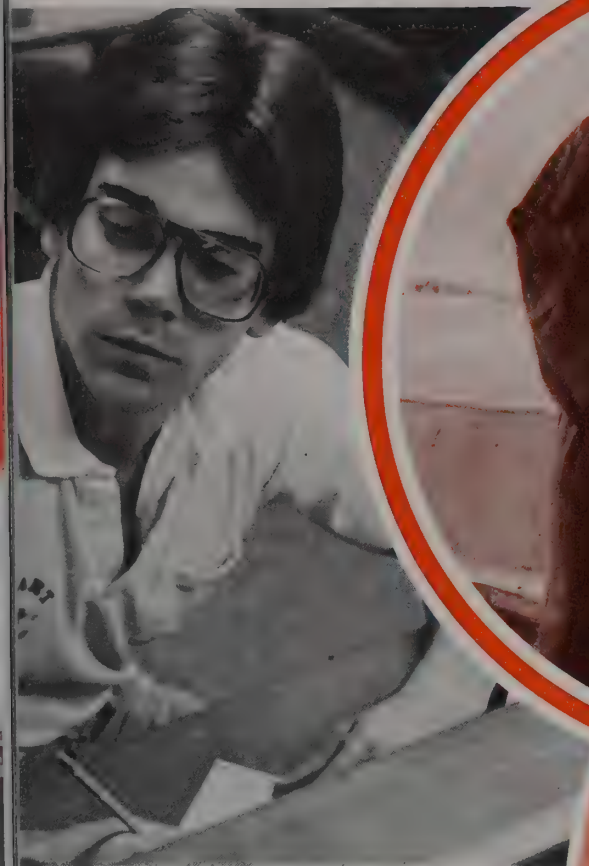


Noontime during a warm spring day finds many students soaking up the sun rays in front of the school. Photographer Genelee Crump climbed to the top of the stadium in Rice Field for this shot.

Senior plans in the **Pennant** newspaper are read by Tammy Caskey during the noon hour on May 19.



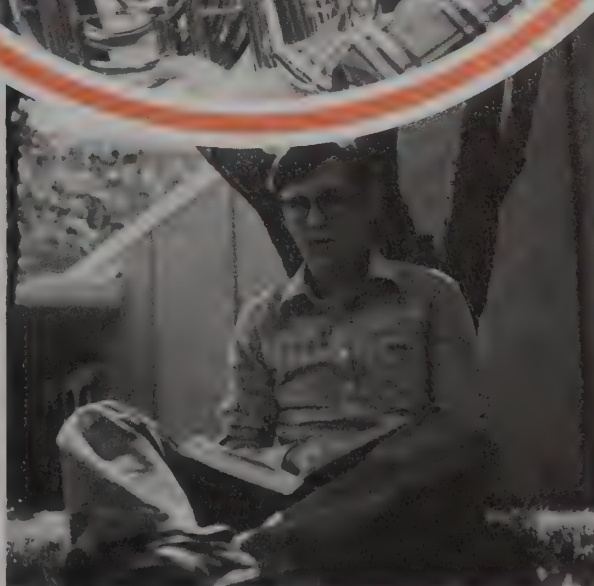
A quiet study carrel finds Pat Buddrus working on a term paper.



Mike Yeakey and Dolly Lenox try on their caps and gowns several weeks before graduation. Carol Bovard attended the Tubafest at Ball State University early in the year.



Sophomores Lana Rodino and Lynn Dusthimer hold the Mexican pinata they are about to attack in Spanish class.



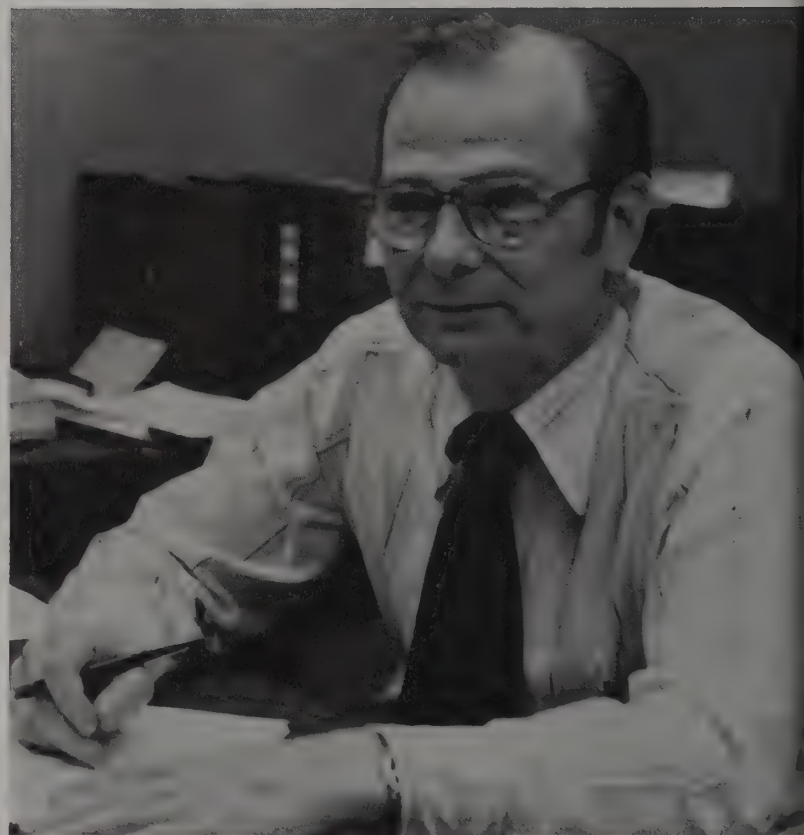
Finnish exchange student Jorma Latva catches up on some of his reading on the front lawn.

One of the more pleasant aspects of being on the School Board is passing out diplomas. Dr. Richard Miller,

Superintendent of Schools, addresses the Class of '78.



Dr. Warren Breniman, Director of Secondary Education, helps supervise junior and senior high curriculum and administration.



Dr. Robert Franklin, Assistant Superintendent, assists with administration, curriculum and

special federal programs. He is presently working with Language Arts: k-12.

A diploma is presented by Patricia Brotherson, board member, to David Lowery at the commencement.



School Board—Seated: Mildred Sackett, Joseph Ball (Replaced by Donald Huffman), Patricia Brotherson. Standing: Andrew Adams, Richard Jensen, Richard Sproul, and J. Marshall Watson.



Integration Task Force presents 3 phase plan

A major project which the administration and School Board undertook is the Task Force for Greater Integration. A three phase plan is being considered.

Al Bias, Central principal and co-chairman of the planning committee, and James Pyles, chairman, announced a grade reorganization as part of the program. Their proposal is the k-5, 6-8, and 9-12 plan.

The plan calls for the closing of two inner schools in 1979: Lincoln and Rice. Monger would be developed as a magnet school and

Weston would be closed in 1980.

During the first two years an evaluation would be made of the impact of the changes in the schools, and the results would determine recommendations for the final phase of the program in 1981.

In addition to studying the recommendations of the Task Force and deciding which phases will be adopted, the School Board members will have to fit the proposals to its on-going building and facilities program and to the financial resources available.



Having completed his fifth year at Elkhart, Dr. Richard Miller, Superintendent of Schools, has the

major responsibility of guiding and inspiring the school system.

At the basketball pep sessions before the semi-state and final rounds, spirited Elkhart Central Principal Al Bias lends his support.

Al Bias has SRO* crowd for his "Gene, Gene the dancin' machine". routine

"Students were active this year," pointed out Al Bias at the closing reception, "and their excellence was reflected in academic excellence, spirited pep sessions and strong involvement in all activities."

Some of this exuberance, pointed out Mr. Bias, carried over into excessive loudness and poor behavior in the halls, but this has been a very good year on the whole.

Blazers brought home the Girls' All Sports Trophy and tied for the Boys' All Sports Trophy. The basketball team, of course, went down to the state finals, a first in the history of Central.

With the support of the administration, a group of students, led by sophomore Bruce Bassett, helped construct benches for the student center.

Due to the energy crisis, many extra-curricular activities were postponed, with the schedules constantly being changed and updated. With reduced lighting and reduced heat, Central was able to meet the required electricity cutbacks and keep the school open.

Robert Minichillo, newly appointed vice principal, will be handling discipline. For the past four years he has been in charge of attendance.

Mr. Eugene Hungate, vice principal, will move to the Educational Services Center where he will replace Maurice Burns and be in charge of computer programming and government grants.

***Standing Room Only**



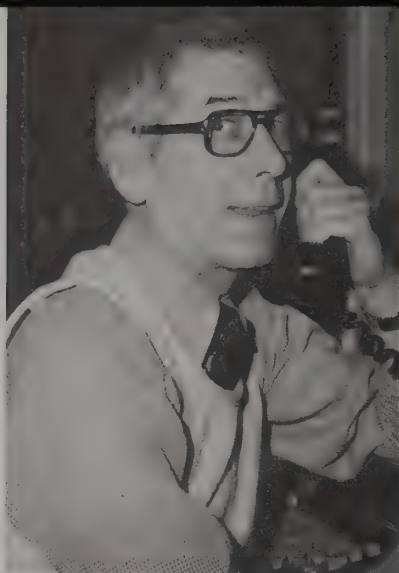


Principal Al Bias, better known to Central's basketball fans as "Gene, Gene the Dancing Machine," does his take-off of the Gong Show routine.

Mr. Dorrance Rogers, Evening School Principal, also teaches U.S. history in the afternoon.

"Whoa," Don't worry, I'll
 laugh at you when they
 don't laugh at you. They
 either. I'll have to
 keep in touch after
 you graduate. Good-
 luck in your to
 come. I hope you get
 atleast one of your
 sweet-hearts.
 Mary
 "80"

Librarian Denny Muir retires



"I'm not sure exactly what I'm going to do. I may work in the Alpena schools or the library there. I may write or perhaps I'll do something totally unrelated. One thing's for sure—I'm going to leave myself plenty of time to enjoy the beach and the lake," comments librarian Dennis Muir when asked about his retirement plans.

Muir has worked as an educator for 27 years—24 of them in Elkhart. "I was teaching English in Goshen. I came to Elkhart to spend a weekend with a friend and I simply never left." Muir, who has a year-round home on Lake Huron, has been head librarian at Central since 1973.

George Alexenko, French and Advanced German teacher, received his B.A. from Goshen College. • Science Department Chairman **Max Bell**, who teaches typing and likes to play golf, received his M.A. from Notre Dame. **Charles Beeson**, who has an M.S. from Purdue, explains the structure of a water molecule to a student. The physics teacher enjoys remodeling old houses in his spare time. •

Spanish instructor **Jeanie Billet** has an M.A.T. from Notre Dame and is an accomplished seamstress. • Orchestra director **Alfred Blickensderfer** received his M.M.E. from Indiana University. • German instructor **Adam Bossnack**, with an M.A. from Michigan State, heads the foreign language department. • **Peg Brown**, whose interests include photography, reading, and new husband Mark Kleppinger, teaches Developmental Reading. She has an M.A. from Michigan State University.

Math Department Chairman **Russ Busse** divulges the secrets of calculus to his students. The tennis coach has an M.S. from the University of Illinois. • **Phil Campagnoli**, with an M.A. from Western Michigan University, teaches government and psychology and likes gardening.

Counselor **Tony Byrd** received his M.A. from Notre Dame. • Assistant Basketball Coach **Robert Clark** works in the guidance department and has an M.A. from Michigan State University.

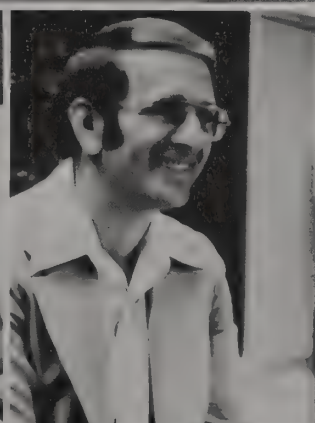




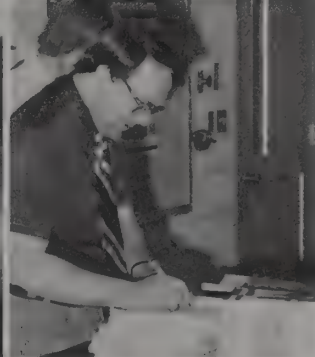
Softball coach **Patricia Cook** participates in Hoosier Hysteria by decorating her room. The English teacher enjoys water skiing and has a B.A. from Purdue. • Guidance Chairman **June Deal** recieved her M.A. from the University of Michigan. • Biology teacher **Kay Dabler** sews, jogs, and sponsors NHS. She graduated with an M.S. from Southern Illinois University.



Sandra Duwe, who has an M.A. from Purdue, teaches Public Speaking and Great books. • Devoted swimmer **Robert Ellis** teaches U.S. History and Exploratory Teaching. He has an M.S. from Indiana University.



Sports buff **Robert Feighner** has an M.S. from Notre Dame and a D. of E. from Spano University. He teaches Computer Math and Algebra. • DECA sponsor **Garry Fileccia** likes woodworking. The Distributive Education instructor graduated from Ball State with a B.S.



English instructor **Nena Fuller** received her B.S. from Central Michigan University and enjoys tenting and snow skiing. • Corvette lover **Ted Foland**, with an M.S. from Indiana University, coaches both swimming and golf. • **Dennis Gable** teaches Electronics. He is interested in aviation and has an M.S. from Indiana University.

How did they end up teaching?

"I always planned to become an architect. I could draft pretty well but unfortunately I couldn't draw. I didn't think that would make a difference, but my teachers disagreed. I wanted to do something involving math so I decided to go into teaching," explains Mr. Kevin Smith.

Mr. K. Smith isn't the only member of the Central faculty who changed his original career plans. Peg Brown intended to become a museum curator until she learned how tight jobs are in that field. Pennant Adviser Kenton Monjon originally entered college with plans to become a

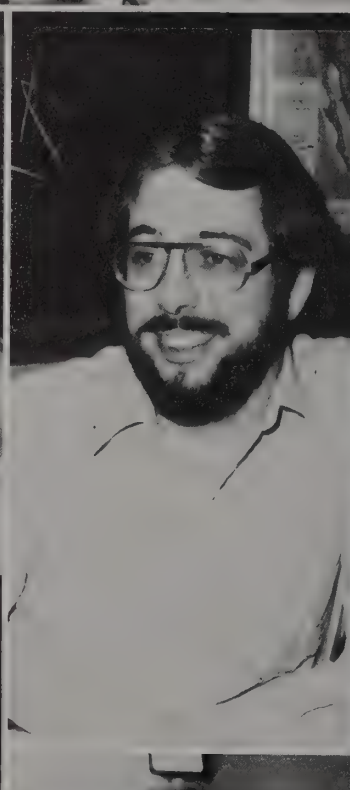
Presbyterian minister.

Robert Landau pursued a variety of majors during his college years, including engineering, biology, architecture, and Pre-Law. He finally chose teaching as a profession because "I like to read and teaching was a way I could make a buck at it," he confesses.

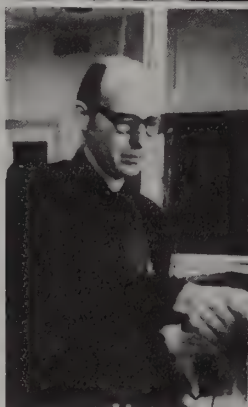
Biology teacher **Lynn Garrard**, whose many interests include skin diving, has an M.S. from Indiana University. • Tennis fan **Ron Geyer** teaches Architecture and drafting with an M.S. from Indiana University. • Assistant Theatre Director **Tom Grove**, who has a B.A. from Ball State, teaches Advanced and Commercial Art.



Counselor **Joe Harvey**, an avid golfer, received his M.A. from Ball State. • Junior Class Sponsor and new mother **Vicki Hoffman** proudly "shows off" her baby to her Child Development class. A graduate of Kansas State University, she is also a member of the Camarata singers. • Wrestling Coach **Rollie Hoover**, whose hobby is motorcycle touring, received his M.A. from Indiana University.

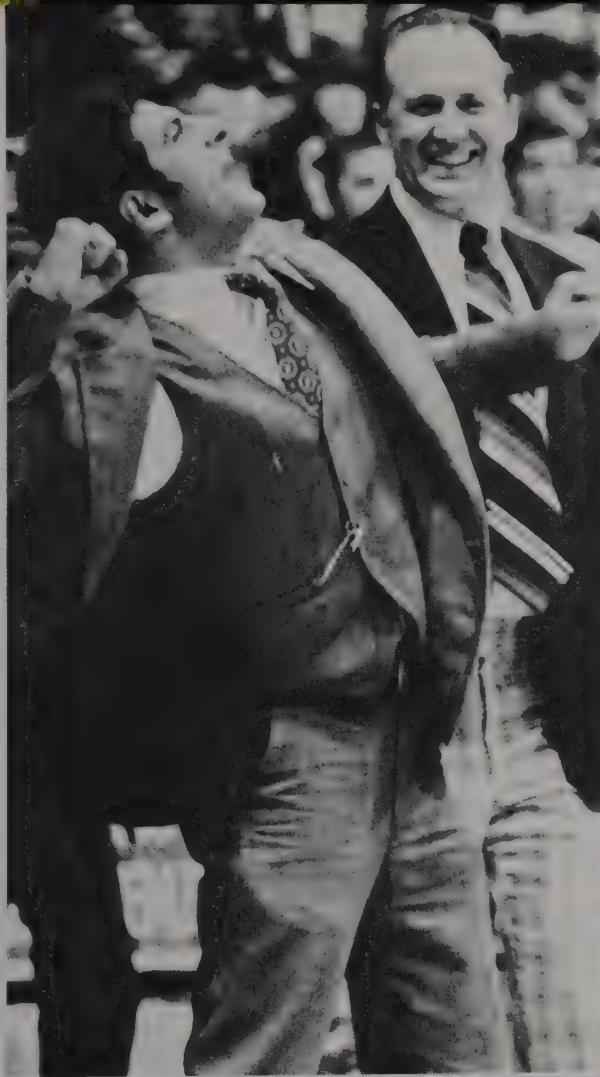


Woodworking teacher **David Jester** has an M.A. from Ball State. • Teacher's Association President **Robert Johnson**, with an M.A. from Ball State, teaches U.S. History.



Home Economics instructor **Karen Klarecki** received her B.S. from Indiana University. • Band Director **Gerald Knipfel**, who enjoys fishing and traveling, has an M.M. from Butler University. • Head Football Coach **Thomas Kurth**, a graduate of Indiana State University with an M.S., directs Intramural Athletics.





Head Basketball Coach **George Leonakis** unleashes a whoop of joy as his team captures the Sectional crown. The accounting teacher has an M.A. from Western Michigan. • English teacher **Robert Landau**, a birdwatcher, received his M.A. from Indiana University. • Phys. Ed. teacher **Karen Leeth**, who graduated with an M.A. from Michigan State, coaches girl's swimming.



George Leis, physics and Aerospace instructor, received his M. Ed. from the University of Illinois. • Art Department head **Rod Leichty** has an M.A. from Ball State University. • **Shirley Lint** teaches American Government and U.S. History. She also plays golf and bridge and has an M.A. from Ball State.



Metalworking instructor **Robert Litwiller** graduated from Western Michigan with an M.A.



NHS sponsor **Mary Lloyd** is interested in floriculture and interior decorating. The typing and shorthand teacher has an M.S. from Indiana University. • Mathematics instructor **Michael Lutz** received his M.S.T. from the University of Dayton. An Associate Scout for the Phillies, Mr. Lutz is also the Assistant Baseball Coach. • Fisherman **Patrick McCollough** has a B.S. from Manchester College. The Assistant Football Coach teaches Business Law.

Poll reveals classroom behavior has improved in recent years

Has student behavior improved during the last few years? According to a recent Pennant poll, faculty members agree by a two to one margin that classroom behavior has changed for the better. Fifty percent of those asked felt the two biggest problems they encounter are talking during class and

rudeness in general, followed by apathy. Most added that they have few discipline problems, particularly in comparison with the late 60's and early 70's.

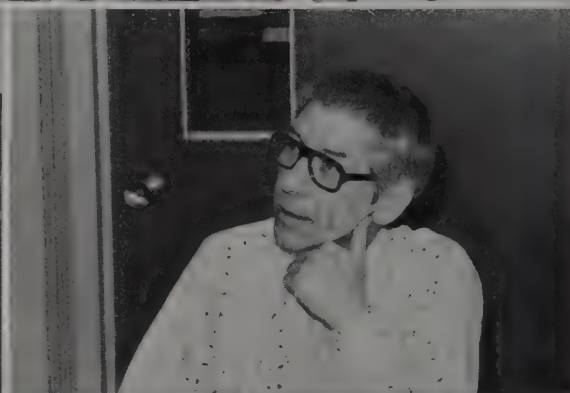
Not surprisingly, teachers prefer to have students who demonstrate interest and participate in class.



Baseball coach **Randy Miller**, a math teacher, has an M.S. from Indiana State University. • English teacher **Cheryl Menzel**, with an M.A. from Notre Dame, sponsors Thespians and Elkhart Central Theatre. • Pennant Advisor **Kenton Monjon** enjoys his pizza at the annual publications banquet. A seasoned traveler, the journalism teacher received his M.A. from Purdue.



PCEP instructor **Ed Nellist** has an M.A. from Notre Dame. • **Virginia Ogren**, Business Orientation and Office Machines teacher, graduated with an M.A. from Western Michigan University. • Retiring Librarian **Dennis Muir** received his M.S.L. from Western Michigan.



With an M.A. from Purdue, accomplished seamstress **Marilyn Moore** teaches Clothing and Child Guidance. • Choral Director **Dennis Phipps** enjoys camping and golf. He has an M.S. from Indiana University.





English teacher **Mike Pollock** collects stamps and backs Student Council. The Sophomore Class Sponsor received his M.A. from Ball State. • English teacher **Nancy Schlegel**, who has an M.S. from Purdue, coaches the Speech team. • Spanish instructor **Betty Sherck** graduated with an M.A.T. from Notre Dame.



Ski Club Sponsor **Robert Slaughter** serves as Student Activities Director. The Pep Club backer has an M.A. from Purdue. • Golf fanatic **Charles Smith**, a graduate of Indiana University with an M.A., teaches Economics and U.S. History.

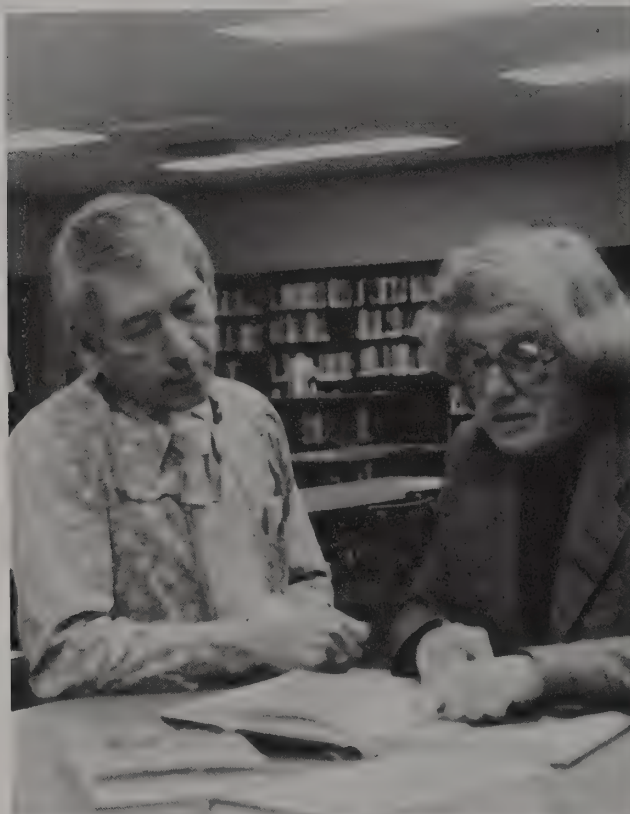


Math team sponsor **Kevin Smith**, whose hobbies include kite-flying, received his M.A. from the University of Illinois. • Shakespeare lover **Margaret Smith** teaches English. The Assistant Speech Coach has an M.S. from Indiana University. • **Mark Snyder's** hobbies include karate and motorcycles. The Automotive instructor graduated from Ferris State College with a B.S.

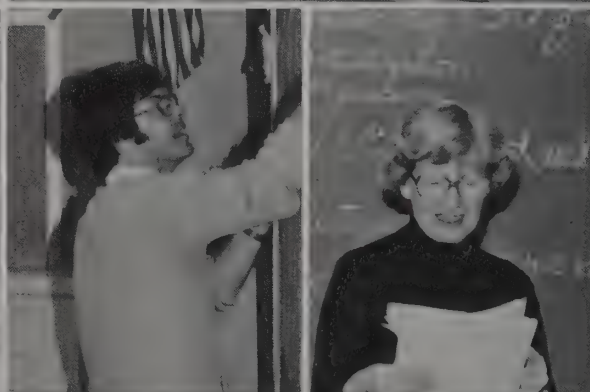


Virginia Spring replaced Marlene Springer in the Home Ec. Department. • **Nico Valentiijn**, a graduate of Ball State University, teaches radio and television.

Librarian Dennis Muir confers with English Lit. teacher **Lucy Terlep**, who has an M.A. from Notre Dame. • **Robert Slaughter**, dressed as the mystery cheerleader, and his sidekick, Patrick (Ziggy) McCullough lead a cheer at the regional basketball pep session.



Golfer **Todi Velkoff**, who teaches Life Science, received his M.S. from Indiana University. • **Dave Vollmar** explains "Big Daddy" to his puzzled Trig class. The math teacher has an M.A.T. from Purdue. • Sailor **Phyllis Warrick**, psychology and sociology teacher, graduated from Notre Dame with an M.A.

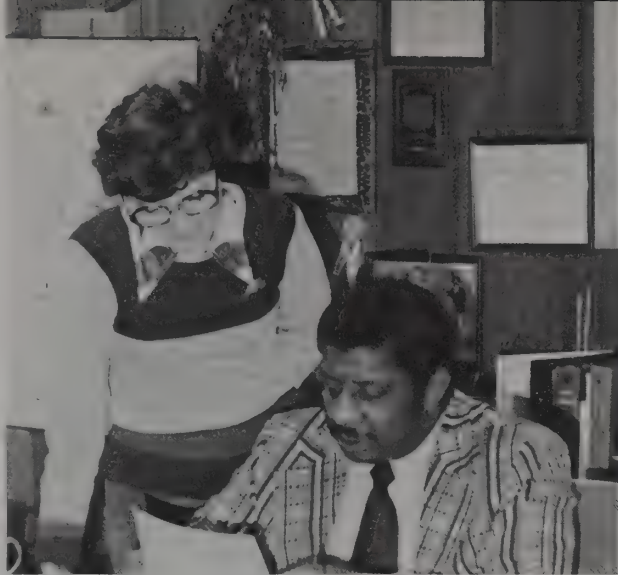


A graduate of Western Michigan with an M.S. in Business Education, **Sharrie Watson** teaches accounting and typing. Senior Class Sponsors **Nancy and Don Willis** both received their M.A.T.'s from Indiana University. Mrs. Willis teaches Life Science, while Mr. Willis, a chemistry teacher, enjoys singing in a barbershop quartet. The married couple claim they never fight.



English Department head **Van Young**, an enthusiastic sailor, graduated from Ball State with an M.A.

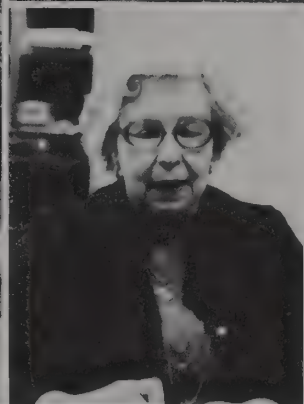




Principal's secretary **Norma Pelton** goes over a letter with Mr. Al Bias. Mrs. Pelton supervises the secretaries in the main office. • Telephone calls and other office duties are performed by **Erma Miller**.



Extra-curricular accounts are posted and supervised by **Pauline Chester**, who also supervises book rental. • Attendance is taken care of by **Yvonne Crooks**, who also checks students in and out. • **Jane Flora** is the music secretary and piano accompanist for choirs.



Office Aide **Katherine Helfric** supervises study halls and helps in general office work. • Athletic secretary **Alice Levan** helps on ticket sales.



Registrar **Margaret Milanese** keeps track of all student records. • Checking in magazines and helping run the library is **Ruth Oliver**. • Library aide **Evelyn White** is dwarfed by Jim Grandholm as they run the copier.



Audio Visual Aide **Rita Alley** helps run the AV office. • Guidance secretary **Sharon Wise** schedules students' appointments and helps with the office work.

Omega Adams
Mary Addington
Yvonne Addington
Debbie Allan
Patricia Allberry
David Arisman
Tim Armstrong



Lynn Atkinson
Leon Ayers
Keith Ayrea
Mike Bailey
Gary Ball
Dan Barber
Nathan Barger



Todd Barrett
Bruce Bassett
Connie Beatty
Daren Benn
George Berkshire
Barbara Best
Trent Bias



Jeff Bickel
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Guy Biddle
Jerry Biddle
Janet Bierbaum
Beth Bigler
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Lance Blough
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Tom Campbell
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Amy Cleaveland
Mark Clementz
Alphonse Cockerham
Darrel Coffman
Chris Coley



'Sophomores adjust to new experiences

SOPH-O-MORE—(sŏf mŏr) n. a student in the second year of the course at a university, college, or school.

Down through the annals of time, the connotations of the word sophomore have led people to believe that they are naive, somewhat ignorant, and easily duped.

You can perhaps remember the various stories told by relatives or friends about how they were embarrassed in their time by the upper classmen's pranks. This doesn't happen anymore.

The sophomores were quickly acclimated to the active atmosphere of Central. The "enemies" from the junior highs turned out later to be the best of friends. An overall consensus of the sophomore class shows that they prefer the greater array of courses offered.

Upon entering Central the average sophomore experienced some feeling of anxiety. This slowly wore off with time.

The initial shock included the fact that Central was two to three times the size of Brookdale, Northside

and Pierre Moran. The first week (or month in some cases) was taken up by the "green" sophomores acquainting themselves with the building's floor plan.

Many students found that they were lost because of the size of the building. But that wasn't all. Some sophs even lost their lockers!

New experiences awaited sophomores such as open lunch, drivers ed, elective courses, and early release. The 10th graders took it all in stride.



Unable to type with a lollipop in her hand, Liz Peters takes a break during typing class.

Kelly Formsma has chosen to use the quiet front lawn to read rather than the noisy noontime library.

Taking advantage of the afternoon sun and fresh air to do some studying is Joe Garberick.



Glenn Collins
Kelly Collins
Linda Comer
Tom Conway
Greg Cook
Pat Cook
Scott Cook

Sherri Cook
Tammy Cook
Lori Copsey
Valerie Cornecki
Dairl Crabtree
Bambi Crowell
Cheryl Crume

"I was beaten, kicked, slammed . . ."

As opposed to the typical "Man on the street" interview, the following "Locker on the Wall" exchange was held with an anonymous locker.

Q: Mr. Locker, at the beginning of this year when the new sophomores first entered the building, how did you react?

A: Well, to begin with I was a nervous wreck. All those new kids didn't know what they were doing! Oh! I cringe everytime I think about it. The way they come in, all fresh and ready to go; and then take out their frustrations on me. Slamming, kicking, pulling, hanging on the doors. They just went bananas!

Q: I'm sure that you've had other problems, right?

A: Oh, you bet! You'd be surprised at how many people don't ever clean out their lockers. There are things growing in here! I just had the man

Brian Devaney searches his "Home away from Home" for his next hour books. Locker cursing is a familiar sight in ECHS halls.

from Orkin in yesterday. But there are those few that keep an immaculate locker. I think that's a bit abnormal.

Q: Mr. Locker, what about your close friend, the lock?

A: Sure he has his problems too. But from what I hear, he likes to play games, like hockey. Unfortunately he plays

the position of puck. For a three dollar clump of metal, he sure gets into trouble.

There are fun times in a locker's life though, that's when the kids run their hands along our doors; it tickles!

Q: What about the rest of the family?

A: I know my cousin, the

gym locker has his problems too. He tells me gym clothes and bathing suits aren't the most pleasant of inhabitants. What can I say, I lucked out.

Q: Putting aside all the petty annoyances, what would you like to say?

A: Remember that the halls have ears!



Larry Crump
Scott Culbertson
Mark Cuppy
Carrie Curtis
Melissa Custer
Debbie Daum
Rita Daum

Carrie Davidson
Bruce Davis
Keith Davis
Mary Davis
Cindy DeFronzo
Lori DeGoller
Mary DeKoster





Dave Delks
Brian Devaney
Andy Dibley
Sheryl Dickey
Brian Dimos
Fred Dixley
Donna Dobson

Clyde Donaldson
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Chris Dygert
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Drake Farrell
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Dawn Fisher
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Mary Fons

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Tami Fry
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Ted Galoozis
Joe Garberick
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Mike Ginter
Barb Gordon
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Chris Hargrove
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Arron Harper
Demeta Harris
Karen Harris
Terry Harris
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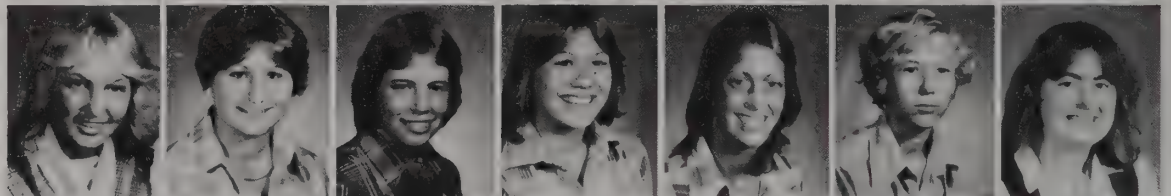
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Brenda Kiernan
Doug Kidder
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Pat Klarecki
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Ron Kochanowski
Steve Koenig
Cynthia Koontz
Jim Krallman
Mike Krallman



Mary Kramer
Leeann Krause
Kelly Kreighbaum
Dan Kreiser
Scott Kron
Metral Kyle
Velma Kyle





Getting involved is what it's about

Coming to a new school takes some getting used to, and the class of '80 was no exception. After the usual adjustment period, the sophomores dug in and got involved in many various activities.

Besides having a rather large class, the tenth graders had diverse interests ranging from band and orchestra to functions outside of school like Junior Achievement and church groups.

Heightened interests in junior varsity sports and clubs show that the sophomores are determined to make Central an even better place to learn through their efforts.

If the energetic pace that the sophomores have set for themselves continues through the next two years, **WATCH OUT WORLD, HERE COMES THE CLASS OF '80!**



Sophomore class officers are Seated: Secretary Susie Miller, Treasurer Daphne Rochford and President

Gwen Ewart. Standing are Social Chairperson Barb Pairitz and Vice President Trent Bias.

The Top Ten sophomores are Front Row: Jim Calvert, Tracey Lewis, Pam Helvey, Lynn Dusthimer and Tammy

Simmons. Back Row: Sheryl Lowenhar, Dan Gosling, John See, Chris Quinn and Mary Kramer.



Ed Labeau
Phil Labrum
Miles Lane
Chris Laughlin
Kathleen Laughlin
Mike Laughlin
Susan Lawson

Vicki Lee
Carey Lehman
Susan Lehman
Mark Leib
Lillie Lenox
Sam Lester
Cameron Lewis

'Well, excuuuse me!'"

In all sectors of today's society, it seems apparent that there are some catch phrases that are heavily relied upon to express everyday emotions. Sophomores were questioned as to these special sayings.

A close tie for first place was discovered between "You bet" and the infamous "OOW!" These were most used around basketball finals time. Also obvious basketball oriented was "Market Square, we'll be there," and "Goin to State in '78."

Bearing witness to the influence of comedians upon the American lifestyle, the line that popular comic Steve Martin introduced, "Well, Excuuuuse Meee!!", was also heard to echo in the halls of Central.

These, like many other colloquialisms, soon die off, only to live in the vivid memories of those who used them. After all, what ever happened to "groovy" and "cool" and those other "keen" expressions?

Taking a "break" from a rigorous school day, Ron Rice shares a joke with Gary Ball.

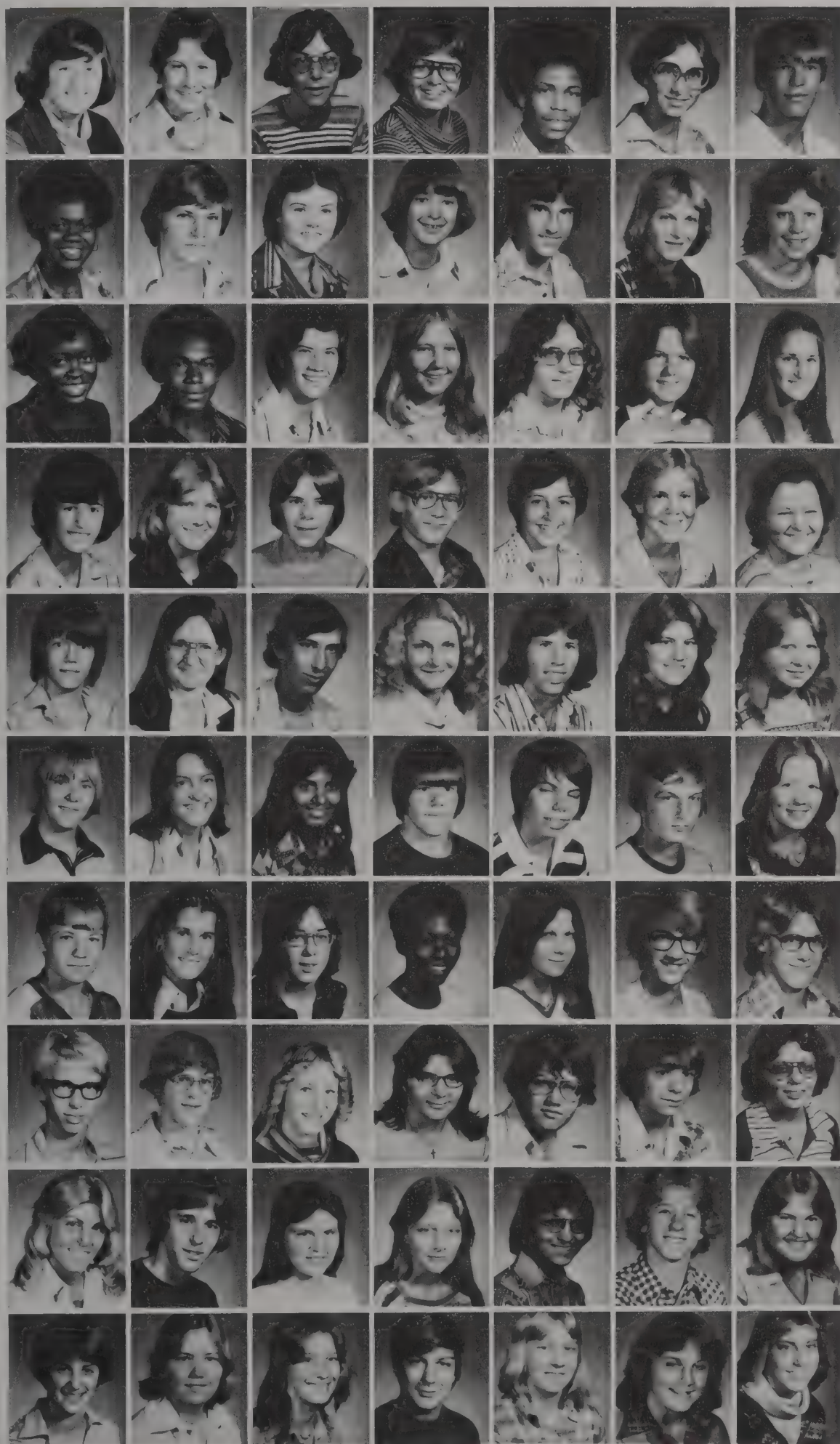
Getting help from Kevin McNulty on his English assignment, Tom Conway appears to be working hard.



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Tracey Lewis
Dan Lievore
Michelle Lillard
Jim Logan
Randy Lombardi
Rick Lovely

Al Lowe
Sheryl Lowenhar
Clint Lowery
Kellie Lyons
David Madigan
John Magyar
Cindy Mann





Michelle Mapes
Dawn Martin
Tim Martin
Lesley Mathias
Sid Mayes
Eva Mayes
Ted McAleer

Belinda McGee
Jeff McGlinchey
Karey McKee
Sheila McNeile
Kevin McNulty
Tammy Mellinger
Leslie Michael

Barbara Miller
Brian Miller
Doug Miller
Gail Miller
Greg Miller
Mary Miller
Michelle Miller

Melissa Miller
Susie Miller
David Minor
Gary Mitschelen
Jodi Moore
Sara Moore
Theresa Moore

Jim Moorhead
Rhoda Morgan
John Morris
Melanie Mossey
Donald Moultria
Donna Moultria
Brenda Moyer

Dennis Murphy
Kim Murray
Irene Nand
Ken Neal
David Neilson
Larry Nellist
Joyce Nelson

Scott Nielson
Cathleen Nolan
Ralph Nolan
Larry Norman
Theresa Noyes
John Nussbaum
Bill Nye

Steve Nystrand
Mark O'Brien
Marg O'Connell
Kathy Oliver
Pat Ostrander
Jeff Painter
Margaret Palmero

Barb Pairitz
John Parks
Tina Parks
Nancy Parrish
Anna Pauley
Dave Paulson
Deb Paulson

Margaret Pelton
Cheryl Pendergrass
Jamie Perkins
Tom Perry
Chris Peterman
Elizabeth Peters
Tracy Pfaff

Chris Pickett
Mariann Pippenger
Mayra Polo
Greg Porter
Jeannie Prange
Helen Pratt
Chris Quinn



Cindy Quirk
Virginia Raley
Phil Rees
Nancy Reese
Ron Rice
Mike Richardson
Randy Ringenberg



Todd Roberts

Marla Robinson
1961-1978

Shelly Roby
Daphne Rochford
Lana Rodino
Steve Rodkey
Elaine Rody



Mark Romanetz
Christine Rose
John Ruggles
Margo Sailor
Terry Sanders
Diane Schlundt
Terry Schmucker



Jay Schrock
Lauri Schwartz
Lynn Schwindaman
John See
Deb Shaffer
Joe Shanholt
Roger Sharp



Becky Shaw
Randy Shoff
Tena Shultz
Tammy Simmons
Beth Singleton
Brian Sinon
Ellen Skinner



Andy Smith
Merolyn Smith
Onnie Smith
Kari Snavelly
Cheri Snead
Randy Snyder
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Ramon Soto
Ruben Soto
Jim Southern
Kris Southworth
Theresa Spake
Kathy Spaulding
Lynda Spicer



John Spirito
Marcia Spirito
Jeff Spratt
Brad Springer
Ray Statler
Anthony Steckly
Bob Stevenson



Donna Stiver
John Stoffer
Diane Stone
Nikki Stricker
Chuck Stutsman
Renne Sutphin
Patsy Swindle





Hoosier hysteria breaks out, class of '80 cheers for Big Blue

With sticky fingers and a purple tongue, Dave Heinhuis tries to concentrate during Sucker Day of Spirit Week.

First year Blazers contributed to the effort made to change Market Square Arena in Indianapolis to BLAZER COUNTRY.

The old adage, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do", has held true for the sophomore class. Soon after "Hoosier Hysteria" broke out in Blazer Country, strange things started to happen. "Crazy hats" were donned for a day while students munched on suckers. Obvious delight was taken as other students and even the faculty joined in the lunacy.

Spirit within the sophomore class was always at a feverish pitch. The excitement of school sports on a higher level brought out the fans and supporters from the class of '80 to cheer on Central's dynamic teams.

With triumphs in speech, DECA, and other activities, the well rounded programs gave themselves to the mood of celebration and happiness. Sophomores can be proud to have had an active part in it all.



Bart Taylor
Carlton Taylor
Mike Terlep
Leo Tischer
Theresa Theis
Joe Thomas
Karlee Thornton



John Toby
Diane Truex
Jeff Vamos
Vanessa Van Dusen
Matt Van Dyke
Terry Van Huffel
Debbie Vaughn

With their usual excited expressions, Ted McAleer (in back), Adrian Calhoun, Randy Shoff and Frank Woodley harmonize with the rest of the sophomore choir.



Lisa Vite
Randy Voelkert
Ed Voras
Tim Wade
Janice Wagner
Mike Wain
Michelle Waltz



Doug Warner
Mike Warren
Paul Watson
Mike Weakley
Rusty Weaver
Connie Weber
Harry Wegner



Kathryn Wells
Kim Westlake
Brian Wetzel
Greg Whaley
Alan White
Bruce White
Dawn White



Angel Whitener
Tommy Wiley
Penny Wilkins
Barry Williams
Rosie Williams
Willie Mae Williams
Don Wills



Lauri Wilsey
Kim Wise
Harriet Wixon
Penny Wolf
Frank Woodley
Terry Wuthrich
Mark Yeakey



Dave Yoder
Paula Yoder
Teresa Yoder
Todd Yoder
Tony Yoder
Doug Zehr
Ray Zimmerman



Terri Zirkle



On the edge of their chairs with music in hand, Gwen Ewart, Elaine Fair and Mary Harms read new music.

*S*ounds of '80 is launched



Without a doubt, Central's exclusive Sophomore choir had a great first year. A great amount of interest was shown in the choir program and "The Sounds of 80", was formed. During their several performances throughout the year, the group showed polish and prowess.

There existed just one problem for the members and their audiences though. The tunes performed by the "Sounds" were so catchy that for many days afterward that was all that they would hum!



All eyes on Mr. Phipps, the sophomore choir rehearses their act together.

Varied school day holds interest of juniors

The clicking of the combination locks, the rustling of the many books, and the slamming of the lockers are many of the sounds heard throughout C hall every morning.

Meeting in the cafeteria, library, or student center, groups of friends cluster around telling of last night's

adventures.

Running to class, students have three hours of massive labor ahead. Many teachers throughout first hour see a few sleepy-eyed juniors trying desperately to stay awake. "You've got the rest of the day to go, but you are just that much closer to lunch," is the way second hour is to

Sue Leeling. By the time third hour comes around, one may hear many juniors complaining about how their stomachs won't stop growling.

Rushing out and piling into their small cars, they ask that never ending question, "Where do we go for lunch today?"

Wanting to come back, many students walk quickly into the school, wishing they would have more hours to get their work done. At three o'clock the happy faces are shown all around school. When they pop out the door, this is every junior's "freedom".

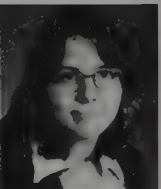


Colored paint and plastic chips are applied by Me-Me Chung to Kim Young's face during Creative Writing class.



Engrossed by **The Scarlet Letter**, Kathy Dobson reads on without interruption in American Lit.

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Robin Ahmann
Cecil Akers
Dave Alert
Bob Alexander
Lynn Altemeyer



Sue Ankersen
Nick Antonakis
Marianne Arko
Liz Armstrong
Bruce Atkinson
Jackie Atkinson
Vicki Attwater





Kathy Babcock
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Lee Baker
Marcia Banks
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Kim Barrett
Myra Bartlett

Gerald Bawson
Margaret Bean
Eric Bellamy
Jenny Bell
Debbie Bergerson
Carrie Biddle
Bill Black

Lester Black
Tracy Blatz
Cassandra Blough
Shawn Boggess
Irvin Boggs
Margo Books
Oliver Bolen

Jeff Bolinger
Rhonda Boomershine
Brad Bowman
Sandy Boyd
Kevin Boyer
Patricia Bratcher
Kay Bricker

Laura Brownlee
Chris Bucher
Pat Buddrus
Ross Burdin
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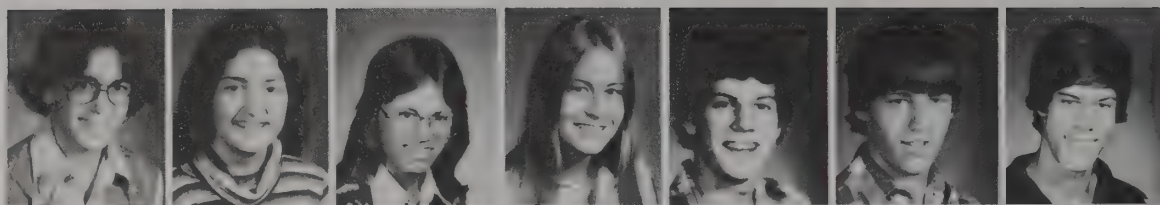
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Shawn Cory
Kelly Craven
Mike Cripe

Jamie Crowell
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Ken Cwipak
Wendy Dascoli
Brian Daugherty
Jim Deitch
Tony Dibley

Dale Dinehart
Kathy Dobson
Rae-Ann Dodger
Beth Doll
Nick Donis
Marty Donnell
Gary Doris



Jodi Douglas
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Tina Dudek
Tim Duignan
Winifred Dunn
Pete Durcho
Linda Duvall



Ann Dygert
John Edlund
Bobbie Edmonds
Tracy Eggleston
Bill Eltzroth
Nancy Emerson
Steve Everett



Becky Fann
Chris Fann
Tim Fara
Jim Fierce
Tom Fillio
Bessie Ford
Diane Forte



George Foster
Jolene Foster
Joe Froelich
Greg Froese
Kathy Fuller
Pete Fullmer
Shirley Furlow



Judy Gaskill
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Jenni Ginther
Tim Ginther
Dan Glanders



Chris Gran
Jim Grandholm
Matt Grant
Bob Gray
Brian Green
Jeff Grindstaff
Jim Grove



Paula Groves
Courtney Hall
Bill Halt
Lesa Hanover
Cris Hapner
Jeanne Happer
Mike Hardy



Jim Harness
Mark Harnish
Sue Harreld
Ben Hartman
Doug Hartman
Bill Haut
Patty Hayes



Jeff Helman
Ray Henderson
Suella Henderson
Steve Henry
Kelly Hershberger
Ann Hiles
Dave Hiles



Majority have jobs to pay for luxuries

"No, I can't go out tonight—I've got to work until 9:00."

"I'd better not, I have to get up early tomorrow and go to work."

With statements like these, many juniors have given up Friday nights in the interest of their jobs. In fact nearly 60% of the junior class have jobs.

The jobs range from bagging groceries at Wilt's or Martin's to helping the disabled at Fountain View Nursing Home. Since Elkhart has such low unemployment, many of those who don't have jobs will have a very good chance of having found one this summer.

Most students enjoy working, but they admit it does interfere with their social life somewhat. Linda Stephson admitted, "You have to work your social life around your job."

Many feel that the money is worth it. The money juniors spend ranges from gas and clothes to records and the necessities for a perfect party. As Sandy Hudnall put it, "We use our money just to have a good time."

Sorting out tapes is just one of the many jobs Sue Hornell has at Suspended Chord.

Resting during a trip to the mall Cheryl Penrose decides how to spend her money wisely.



Kevin Hiles
Curtis Hill
Linda Holloway
Diane Holt
Sue Hornell
Rick Hosster
Kim Hostetler

Laurie Hostetler
Sandy Hostetler
Ron Hostetler
Sandy Hudnall
Donna Hunsberger
Ed Huster
Teresa Hyser

Letter is written

June 2, 1978

Hi K.D.,

Well, we've made it through another year. One more and we are home free (huh!). Amazing isn't it, considering all the crazy things we've been through?

Boy, remember homecoming and spirit week? You looked hilarious in that crazy hat of yours, but I shouldn't talk since I dressed like a little kid. We had to run out and buy overalls the next night for overall day.

The Junior Float was a riot. We worked so hard. I thought we'd never get

done. The parade was exhausting with all our yelling and cheering. The game Friday night kept us at it. We had to buy a ton of cough drops the next day.

I won't forget the Sadie. We were so scared to ask the guys out but we did have an exciting night. Your outfits were so cute. Do you still have your ring? I do.

Basketball season was a throat killer. The spirit of our junior guys was just overwhelming. The sound of the "junior kazoots" and their cheers echoed through the gym. The spirit built even further when we won Regionals and went on to State.

Cathy Stephenson and Frank Kurth take a break during the Sadie to relax and talk.



Baby "B", portrayed by Tim Fara, prepares to lead a cheer with the assistance of Jamie Crowell.



Juniors display their spirit by forming two pyramids during a basketball pep assembly.

With her little girl image, Elise Snyder displays her spirit during Spirit Week's little kid day.

Mike Ihnken
Quincy Jackson
Jeff Jernstrom
Betsy Johnson
Gerald Johnson
Scott Johnson
Shelly Johnson

Dan Jones
Rick Jones
James Kauffman
Betsy Keene
Diane Keen
Sandy Keller
Chris Kelly





Jim Kelly
Pat Kelly
Donette Kennedy
Doug Kessler
Mark Kindy
Reva Kirchner
Jim Kirtz

Jon Klopfenstein
Rick Kohl
Frank Kurth
Tim Laughlin
Vicky Lawrence
Warren Lawson
Jeff Leach

Sally LeBarron
Tracy Ledman
Bob LeDonne
Sue Leeling
Diann Lehman
Cindy Leighton
Willie Lenox

Diane Lewis
Joe Lewis
Dawn Linton
Lorie Logan
Dave Lorenz
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Laura Lovell

Juanita Lovely
Mark Longacre
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Shelia Lundy
Nancy Lutey
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Gordon McClure
Becky McFall
Tammy McFall
Jackie McGee
Pat McKenna
Deb McKenney

Dan McNeile
Marilyn Melkus
Joe Metzger
Jena Michalcke
Chris Miller
Donna Miller
Jay Miller

Mickie Miller
Terry Miller
Brian Mitschelen
Marla Morgan
Doris Moutria
Tracy Neff
Brenda Nellist

Leslie Nelson
Ellen Newman
Kevin Nickler
Doretta Nielsen
Kim Nielson
Brad Noren
Donna North

Carla Nye
Kathleen O'Connell
Karen Ortell
Rainer Osborne
Andy Owens
Tonda Owens
Ray Painter



Dave Pairitz
Mark Palmer
Vito Palumbo
Ricky Paris
Ranae Parish
Jim Park
Cheryl Paul



Brian Pauley
Kathy Penn
Cheryl Penrose
Jill Perkins
Dave Perron
Bruce Perry
Curtis Pratcher



Joe Peterka
Jim Peterman
Dave Peterson
Kevin Phelps
Cindy Phillips
Dave Phillips
Miles Phillips



Don Pierce
Dan Pike
Barb Pletcher
Karen Polston
Michelle Porter
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Fawn Powell



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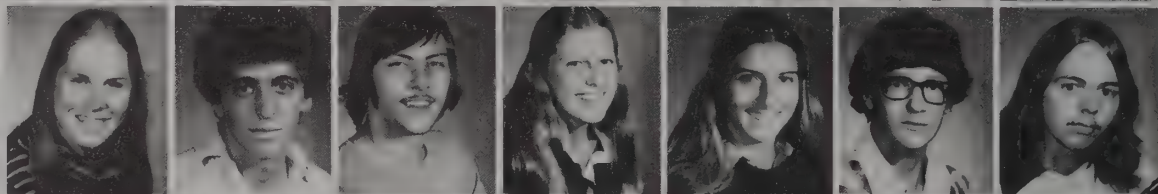
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Sara Redmond
Doug Reed
Julie Reynolds



Cindy Riggle
Todd Ringenburg
Jim Roberts
Wilbur Robinson
Scott Rogers
Lydia Rodino
Isander Rodriques



Edith Rolfsen
Jeff Russo
Steve Sabo
Jamie Sachs
Terri Sailor
Gary Sanders
Larry Sanders



Patience Sanders
Bob Schell
Mike Schelling
Tim Schenk
Annette Schlabach
Cheryl Schlabach
Phil Schieber



Taking time during lunch, Shelly Wolgmoed, Rae Ann Dodge look over pamphlets to determine their schedule.



A note from a friend

Choosing next year's schedule was difficult. I just finished my schedule last week. There are so many classes offered. I'd hate to pass up a good opportunity to broaden my interest. I really don't know what I want. What did you decide on?

Remember when spring fever hit? We saw the symptoms in school (hot sun, cool breeze, minds wandering, and attendance mysteriously down.) I guess spring fever took its toll. I sometimes felt like I got a touch of it. How about heading for the Dunes like we used to do during school.

Prom time was really enjoyable, even if we had

to rush around for weeks looking for the "right" dress. Fisherman's Wharf was pretty crowded. There were so many people we knew there, our meal was constantly being interrupted by conversations.

Next year will be even better. Maybe we'll share a class again. Not much more to say except thanks for making this year a great one. Hope to see you this summer.

If I don't, make sure you're ready to live it up for our last year here—**SENIOR POWER!** Have a great summer and good luck the rest of the year.

Your First Period Nap Partner—D.N.



John Varanelli and his date pause after swaying to the sounds of Franklin Street Hotel.

Enjoying a game of frisbee, during her lunch hour, Kathleen O'Connell practices her throwing.



Herb Schneider
Nick Schnieder
Chris Schrock
Jeff Schroth
Jeanne Schurwonn
Becky Schwindaman
Micky Scott

Rita Scott
Peg See
Randy Shantz
Mark Sharp
Linda Shields
Jack Sigerfoos
Mandy Simpson

Academic honors achieved by active Class of '79

Atop the junior class scholastically were Me-Me Chung, Mark Kindy, Donna Miller, Barb Pletcher, Bob Spano, Deb Smith, Tom Tueting, Mary White, and Christine Yoder.

These students have also devoted much of their time to other school activities as well as classroom work.

Me-Me was an award winning Pennant staffer as well as being very involved in Student Council. Bob Spano led the orchestra as concert master and as president. Tom Tueting, a calculus student, won the first interschool math contest, while Mark Kindy was elected next years NHS president.

Mary White was an NHS officer, active in girls' sports, and an

award yearbook staffer.

These students as well as many others have made the junior class the success it is.

Junior Class Officers—Seated: Mark Madigan, Social Chairman. Standing: Bill Choler, Vice-President; Cheryl Paul, Secretary; John Singleton, President.

Juniors find the front entrance a nice place to just sit and talk or do homework.



Deb Smith takes time at home to sew on her antique sewing machine for a moment of enjoyment.



Nancy Simpson
John Singleton
Lora Smart
Barb Smith

Deb Smith
Jeff Smith
Michelle Smith
Peter Smith
Elise Snyder
Jeff Sobozak
Max Sokol

Bob Spano
Dan South
Brad Stahl
Karen Stanton
Michael Stees
Cathy Stephenson
Linda Stephenson





Rob Stewert
Tom Stewert
Lori Stickle
Carolyn Stitgen
Glen Stoechinger
Peg Stokel
Beth Stump



Alice Stutsman
Dale Swihart
Randy Swoverland
Laura Tacy
Joyce Taylor
Cris Terlep
Liz Theis



Dave Thomas
Carol Thorton
Bob Toma
Tom Tuetting
Jamie Tully
Lori Van Skyhock
Mary Van Wormer



John Varnelli
Chris Vilmure
Mark Vilmure
Amy Waldref
Ann Waldref
Kris Walker
Tim Walters



Stacy Waltz
Mike Wambaugh
Gary Ward
Carla Watts
Gary Weaver
Jim Weirich
Denise Westlake



Tim Westlake
Nancy Whipstock
Sandy Whisler
Amy White
Mary White
John Wiercioch
Derilyn Williams



James Williams
Martin Williams
Jeff Wilson
Becky Wise
Travis Wise
Julie Wiseman
Sue Witman



Kristine Wolfinger
D. Ann Wolford
Shelly Wolgamood
Shelly Wright
Cathy Wyatt
Kathy Wyatt
Ken Wyatt



Dan Wyman
Rob Yesberger
C. Ester Yoder
John Yoder
Kelly Yoder
Scott Yoder
Toby Yoder



Clifford Young
Eddie Young
Kim Young
Lisa Young
Teresa Young
Craig Zentz
Kent Zimmerman

Michelle Abbey
 Rochelle Allen
 Steven Alwine
 David Anderson
 Mary Anderson



Michele Anderson
 Doug Andresen
 Kandy Arisman
 Beth Armstrong
 Kathleen Baird



Harold Baldwin
 Janene Baldwin
 Steve Ball
 Angela Balzano
 Annette Barger



Tonya Barrett
 Cobey Bartlett
 Helen Baskin
 Mary Baskin
 Mitch Beaver



Romana Becher
 Karen Beck
 Joanna Bement
 Keith Bennett
 Richard Berkey



Les Bias
 Lindsey Bickel
 Angela Bierbaum
 Helen Blanken
 Janice Blosser



Seniors rate Central as 'good' school

Classes, teachers, books, what can be said on these? This year's graduating class feels that not much needs to be said. They feel that Central has a "good" form of education. Most believe that both the curriculum and the teachers are good, while 57% believe Central has a good administration. Half of the class of '78 also believe that Central's facilities are good. Fifty percent also believe that Central's guidance department is only adequate.

A large percent of the graduating class, 55%, feel that additional emphasis should be placed on college preparation. The second highest response for change in Central, was placed on vocational training. Forty-five percent feel that too much attention is being given to college prep, and feel that vocational training should be given equal attention. Thirty-

three percent feel extra curricular activities receive enough emphasis and 54% feel the same about marriage preparation for teens.

On the question of parent teacher communication, 69% feel that there is no extra need for parents to meet

with school teachers or administrators. Mary Francell feels that, "The one's that need it the most wouldn't come anyway," while the same response is echoed by Lannie Etling who believes that "some kids don't even answer to their parents."

Most of the other 31% who believe more opportunities to meet should be established felt the way Dena Burlingame does, in that, "If the parents want to talk to a teacher or administrator all they have to do is call them."



Nancy Kilbert gives her interpretation of transcendental meditation in 5th hour Psychology class.



Scott Bock
Mark Bourdon
Carole Bovard
Kevin Bowlby
Brent Boyer

Brian Brinson
Marianna Brough
James Brown
Katherine Brumbaugh
Julie Bryant

Dena Burlingame
Greg Busse
Anita Calhoun
Cheryl Cameron
Tammy Campanelli



Tracy Campoli
Frank Cataldo
Jennifer Cheyne
Loretta Clay
Debora Clindaniel



Gene Coddens
Doug Cogan
John Cole
Janice Coleman
Steven Coleman



Garry Collins
Hope Collins
Sharon Comer
Rebecca Cook
Penny Cooper



Robert Corner
Joseph Correia
Kathy Coulter
Linda Craft
Tammie Craig



Genee Crump
Dean Daniels
Wayne Danner
Kelly Davis
Sandra Davis





Nicki
DeFrancesco
Steve Delks



Tony Delserone
Andrew Dickey



Brett Doberenz
Ronald Dodd



Joseph Donnell
Diane Doutlick



Tim DuFour
Lois Dunkerley



Tina Dygert
Teresa Eakle



Searching for what might prove to be some helpful information on colleges are Matt Kramer and Keith Bennett.

Varied courses useful for seniors future career

Students planning on entering the business world following graduation find Business Management, Accounting, Typing, Shorthand, and Office Machines useful in aiding them with their future goals.

Marsha Whitesell took some business courses so she would have something to fall back on in case she didn't go on to college. Other college bound seniors chose Advanced Composition as a top priority course for their future plans. Seniors claim that Advanced Comp. is good preparation and betters your writing skills needed for college.

All seniors agreed that "Business Law" shows you how to handle everyday circumstances—contracts, auto insurance, and the courts system. It teaches

you about the real world!"

Mary Anderson claims, "Psychology helps me to understand myself better so I can understand others better."

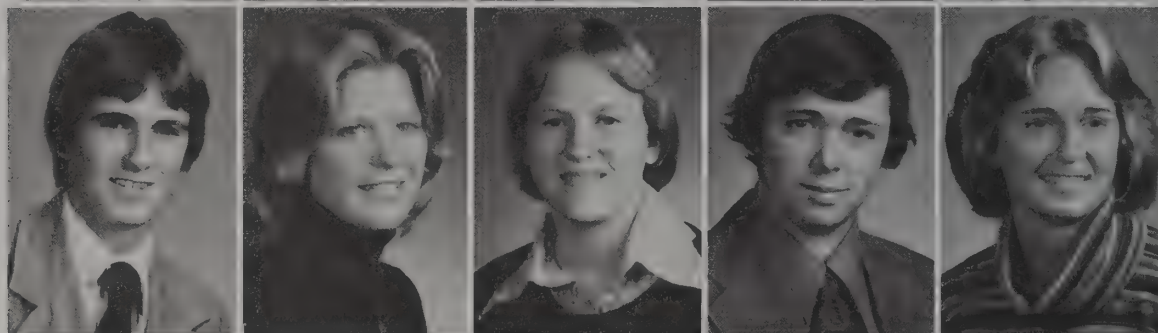
Laying it on the line Mike Fioritto adds, "I don't think just one course was helpful in preparing me for life, I think all of my school years combined have helped me find myself and prepare me for bigger things."

Chris Merchant found typing useful, so when she's attending college she won't have to pay someone to type her papers. Dave Schlundt discovered that the Math courses were helpful because "they make you think." Other seniors found the Career Center facilities and courses useful for their chosen occupations.

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Robert Edlund
Michael Ehret
Julie Elliott
Marilyn Elliott



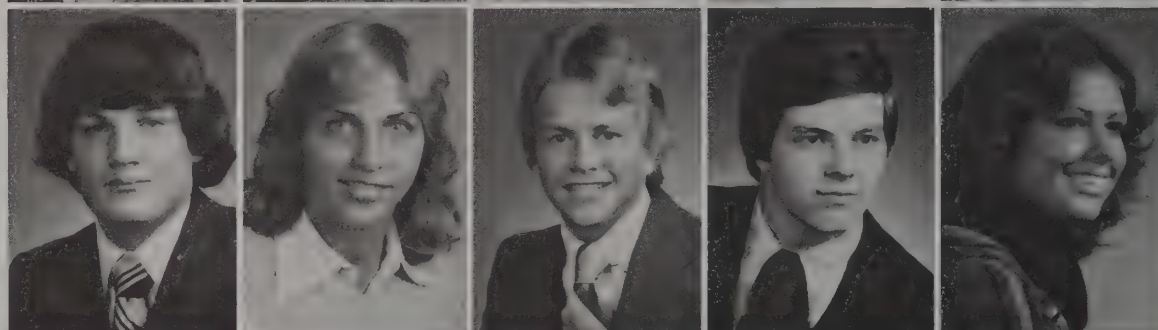
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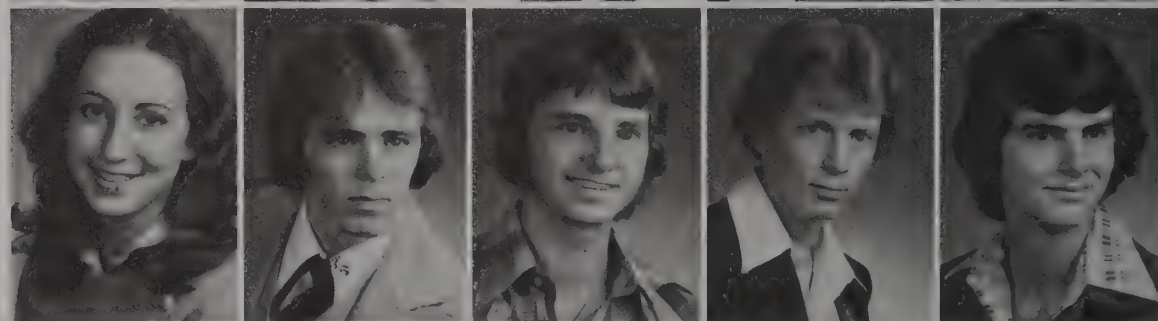
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Bonnie Free
Rick Frey
Ron Fumarolo
Darci Funk



Deann Garman
Debra Garman
Betty Gordon
Jim Goodsene
Debra Gordy



Leslie Granger
Rusty Green
Eric Greenman
Charlie Habic
Chris Habic



Rowdy, yet mellow seniors pick favorites

Ozark Mountain Daredevils rocked senior parties this year. Other country-western favorites consisted of The Marshall Tucker Band, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and The Charlie Daniels Band.

Aside from these mellow artists, the Bee Gee's won the seniors top position for their favorite musical group of 1977-1978. Kansas, Crosby Stills & Nash, Fleetwood Mac, Electric Light Orchestra, Rush, America and The Steve Miller Band followed closely behind.

As for choosing their favorite musical performer, opinions covered a large number of the top vocal artists. The selected performers are Neil Young, Rod Stewart, Bob Segar, Steven Stills, Boz Scaggs, Jackson Browne, Dave Mason, and Eric Clapton. Rita Coolidge and Linda Ronstadt were the lone female vocalists.

"Soap" was voted the most popular television

program of 1977-78. Other beloved programs are "Three's Company," "Eight Is Enough," "Mash," "Starsky & Hutch," "James at 16," "How the West Was Won," and "Happy Days."

Seniors were consistent by choosing "Saturday Night Fever" as their favorite flick of the year. The number

one Bee Gees performed the Disco numbers accompanying the star, John Travolta. In second place, "The Good-Bye Girl" was enjoyed by many. A young woman who has gotten dumped by too many guys learns from her last experience that "goodbye doesn't mean forever!" "Star Wars," "Smokie and the Bandit," and "Oh God!"

were also chosen as great flicks.

Richard Dreyfuss and Barbra Streisand won the number one spot as the top actor and actress. Carrying the remaining votes were Clint Eastwood, Cheryl Ladd, Burt Reynolds, Jacqueline Bisset, Robert Redford, Kristy McNichol, Robert Blake, and Sally Fields.



Like many others, Kelly Davis and Kevin Bowlby chose "Saturday Night Fever," as number one.

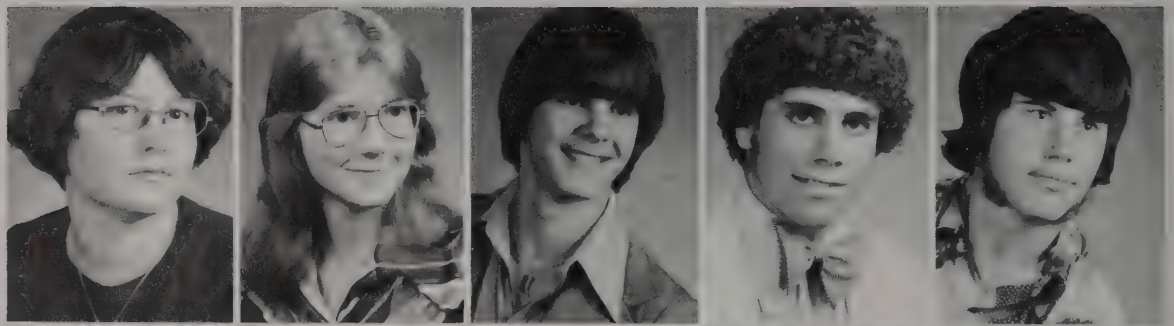


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James Hammon
Steve Hamood
Charles Hardy
James Hart



Mark Hartman
Glenda Hastings
Teresa Heaton
Jeff Heiden
Dutch Heinhuis

Laura Hemphill
Theresa Hemphill
Brian Herbert
Randy Herron
Kent Hilliard



Fredrick Hillman
Lori Hoisington
Brad Holcomb
Debra Hollingsworth
Eddie Holt



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Kathy Janecka
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Kathy Jetter
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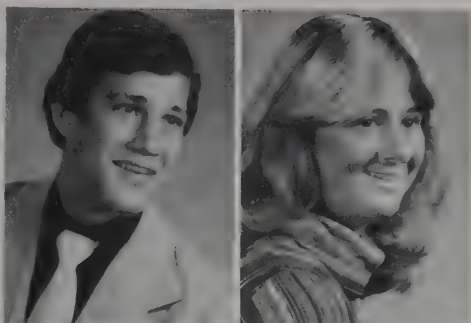


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Teresa Johnson
Tracy Johnson
William Johnson
Jeff Juillerat



Kelly Kelsey
Rian Kelsey
John Kidder
Nancy Kilbert
Jeff Kinder





Mike Kindy
Kris Kirby



Hilary Knight
Paul Koehler



Donna Kohl
Gary Koller



Carolyn Konecny
Tom Krauter



Kim Kruse
Carlyn Kyle



Jorma Latva
Jim Leeling



Only appearing to have a good time at one of the many senior parties are Lori Rheinheimer, Dan Matz, Deb Young, Rusty Green, Gino Lucchese and underclassman, Greg Lucchese.

Party, party, party— liquor is most abused drug

Liquors such as beer, whiskey, wine and various other mixed drinks are becoming increasingly popular among high school students. This same finding holds true for seniors when it was found that 80% of them drink liquor.

The kinds of liquor vary from whiskey, wine, gin, rum and vodka, to the most asked for drinks such as wine and beer. Beer accounted for almost half of the senior class favorite drink.

Weekends were found to be the most celebrated time for drinking, since most parties take place on the weekends. During the week was a distant second.

Despite the overwhelming amount of liquor consumed at

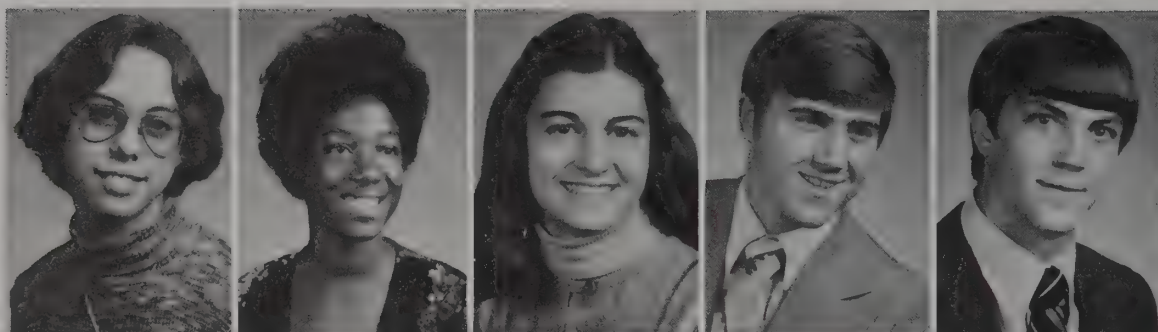
parties, a surprising amount of seniors were found to drink with their families.

Still, 84% of the seniors who do drink said they drank liquor with their friends.

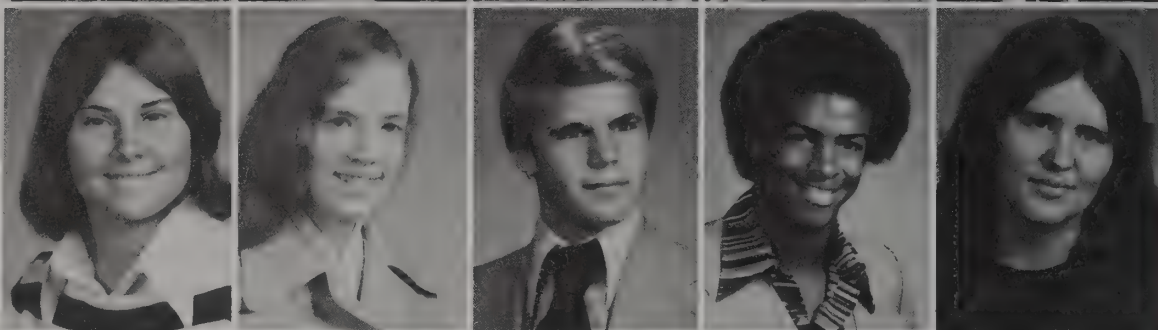
The effects of liquor varied from a warm, buzzy feeling to "freeness" to drunkenness.

Drinking is rapidly becoming a favorite pastime among high school students, including Centrals' graduating class. This opens the question of whether or not liquor must be served to have a good time. But, despite their frequent use of alcohol, 85% of this year's senior class said they don't depend on liquor to have a good time.

Diane Lenhart
Dolly Lenox
Kim Lidy
Robert Lievore
Brian Linton



Donna Lochmandy
Linda Longcor
Tad Lovan
Kelby Love
Julie Lovely



Melinda Lovely
David Lowery
Alla Lubarsky
Gino Lucchese
Barb Lutey



Steve Lyle
Barb Loxterman
Michael Magyar
Rick Marshall
Marcia Martin



Robert Mathias
William Matthews
Dan Matz
Robert Mays
Mike McAfee



Sherrie McCabe
Thomas McManus
Chris Merchant
Julie Metz
Wendy Metzger



Majority claims they don't go along with the crowd

In the past twenty years, students have grown less sure that it's best to do and say as the majority does. In fact, 84% of this year's graduating class said no when asked if they felt that it is necessary to go along with the majority.

A new and interesting argument was found when Brad Holcomb said, "I feel peers will respect you more if you stand up for what you think is right, if you have a good argument."

And Cobey Bartlett summed it up when he stated, "This used to be true, but it's not so now. Students respect opinions more now than they used to."

Despite the even popular idea taken by many high school students, that to have fun in high school, one must have a car, only 36% of the class of '78 agreed.

Those who said yes often reflected Cobey's belief that, "A car promotes your social life.

It's hard to expect a girl to walk to school or on dates."

And of independence route, Tina Dygert says, "In order to be independent one needs something to get where

he or she wants to go, when he or she wants to go."

The class of '78 may be like any other graduating class, and then again their ideas may be totally unique. It

appears those who don't have cars aren't missing out on much. And that fun can be had anywhere, with anyone and that peer pressure is a thing of the past.

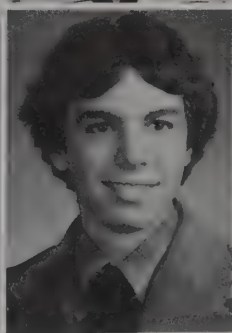


Carole Bovard makes a feeble attempt at fishing in the flooded parking lot in early March.

Daring swimmers, Rob Mathias, Jim Brown, and Tad Lovan, check out the flooded river.



Doug Miers
David Miller
Suzanne Mishler
Burke Mitchell
Michael Monteith



Kenneth Moore
Pat Moore
Scot Moore
Denise Moorhead

Marc Morgan
 Jeff Moriarty
 David Munn
 John Namisnak
 Charles Neilson



Donna Neilson
 Amy Nelson
 Fran Nelson
 Georgia Nelson
 Luanne Nelson



Diana Nickler
 Steve Neilson
 Bill Nolan
 Brian Nammay
 Brian Noren



Cathy Noyes
 Karin Nystrand
 Tim O'Brien
 Karen Oliver
 Barbara Owens



Greg Parish
 Mark Parsons
 Neil Perron
 Amy Pickett
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 Theodore Prange





Philip Pressler
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Andy Pyfer
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Quarandillo



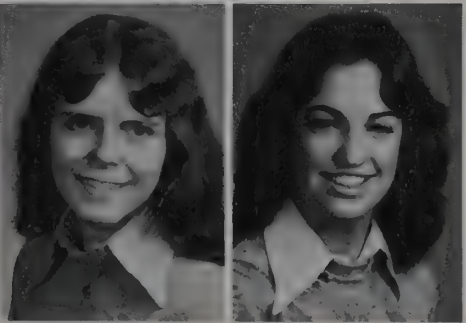
Pat Rahn
Robert Ramsey



Chris Ramzy
Donald Ray



Esther Reed
Lori
Rheinheimer



Brenda Rice
Donna Robin



John Cole and Joe Donnell watch as
Chuck Sproull uses his bouncing
eyeballs to brighten the day.

Disease fatal to some who WF

A Case of Senioritis

"It's when the anxiety grows unbearable for graduation day!" replied senior Trace Simmons, when asked how he knows when he has Senioritis.

Many seniors feel that Senioritis has been with them since last year's graduation. Others such as Valerie Wain, commented, "It has been in my system from January on, when all you think of is college and getting out of high school."

Tammie Craig and Sharon Weber described Senioritis by counting the days until graduation. A majority of the seniors agreed with

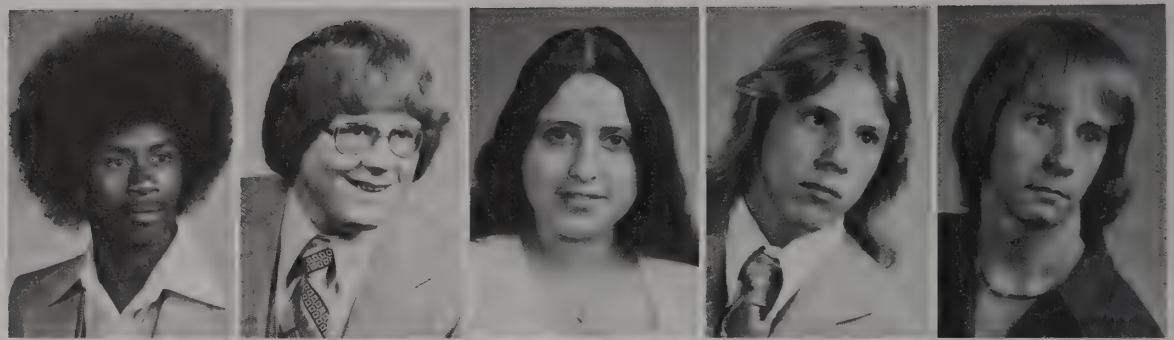
Deb Young and Cindy Johnson who suggested Senioritis is when the sun shines brighter at the dunes.

Overcome by Senioritis, Kate Baird and Mike Wargo believe it's when your always late to class and have trouble getting back from lunch on time!

Stating her realistic view, Julie Bryant feels Senioritis means "when you seem to be leaving the school more than you come."

Waiting for the end of the school year, Rick Frey defines Senioritis as the time you stop counting the days, and start counting the seconds."

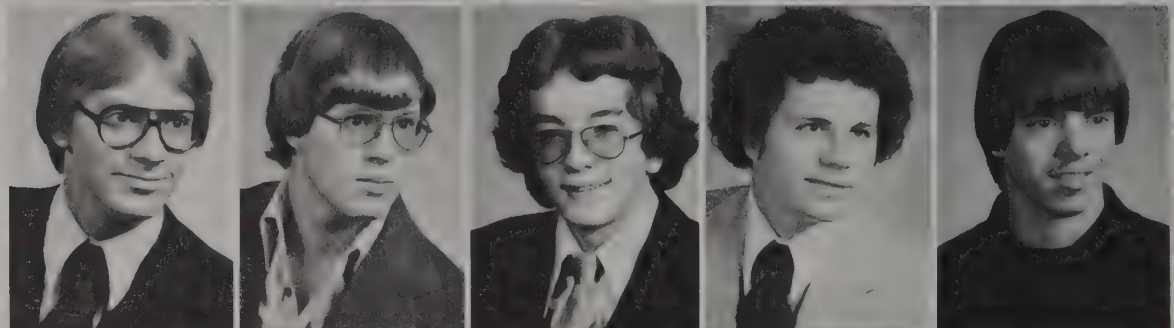
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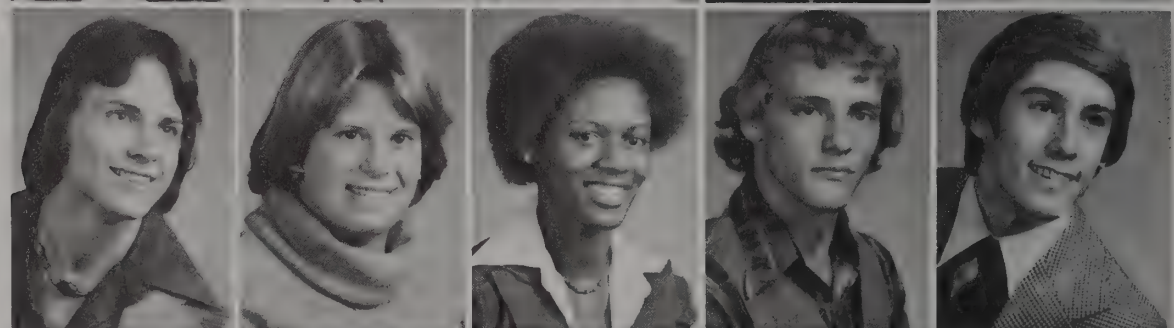
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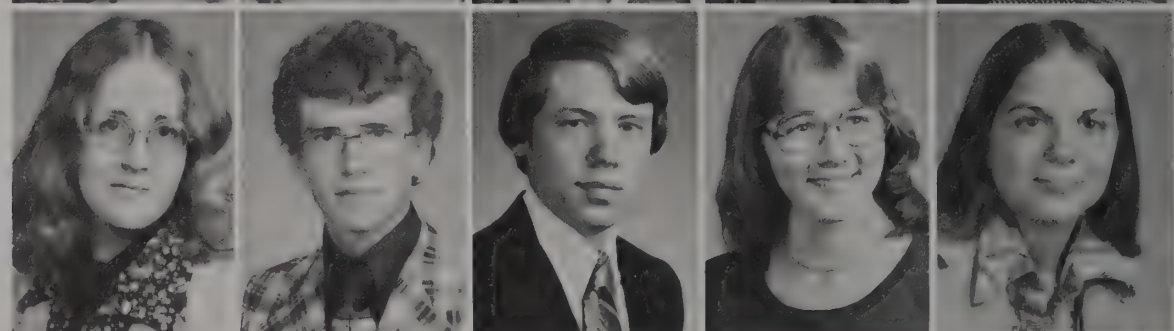
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Eileen Stephenson
Theresa Stevens



Top honors accorded class of '78

Included in this year's senior class top ten, were Barb Owens and Kathryn VanDyke, who received A's throughout their 3 years at Central.

Along with Barb and Kathryn, Jorma Latva, a Finnish exchange student received A's prior to and while attending Central.



Senior class officers are Traci Campoli, Treasurer; Les Bias, Vice-President; Becky Vamos, Secretary; Marc Pritchard, President; and Lori Rheinheimer, Social Chairperson.

Top Ten seniors are—Front Row: Kathy Janecka, Julie Metz, Randy Herron, Barb Owens, Genee Crump. Back Row: Jorma Latva, Karin Nystrand, Doug Cogan, Kathryn VanDyke, and Julie Elliot.

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Valerie Wain



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Michael Wargo
Nancy Watson
Danny Weaver
Fred Weber



Future plans are announced, work, college are top choices



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David Weinstein



Patrick Welch
Harry Wells



Melanie Whisler
Tony White



Marsha Whitesell
Gary Whittaker



Janet Wilson
Becky Wiskotoni



Flora Woods
Michael Yeakey

Michelle Abbey:

Screengraphics.

Dave Anderson: Santa Monica College.

Mary Anderson: Valparaiso University.

Michele Anderson: Purdue University.

Doug Andresen: Music.

Beth Armstrong: Saint Mary's College.

Chris Bachtel: Mechanic.

Mary Baily: landscape design and ground maintenance.

Kate Baird: Purdue University.

Janene Baldwin: Work.

Steve Ball: Indiana University.

Annette Barger: Army, Houston, Texas.

Tonya Barrett: Work.

Cobey Bartlett: Work at Indiana Trailer Supply.

Tony Bean: University of Cincinnati.

Mitch Beaver: Western Michigan University.

Ramona Becher: Work.

Karen Beck: Work.

Joanna Bement: Work.

Keith Bennett: I.U.S.B.

Rick Berkey: Southwestern Michigan Junior College.

Les Bias: Air Force Academy.

Lindsey Bickel: Moving.

Angie Bierbaum: Ball State University.

Bill Black: automotive repairs.

Helen Blanken: Purdue University.

Jan Blosser: Tri-State University

Scott Bock: I.U.S.B.

Mark Bourdon: Purdue University

Carole Bovard: Indiana University.

Kevin Bowlby: DePauw University.

Brent Boyer: University of Rochester.

Brian Brinson: Indiana University.

Jim Brown: Texas A & M University.

Kathy Brumbaugh: Work

as secretary at Tuscany Products Inc.

Lynn Brunson: Factory.

Julie Bryant: Bonanza.

Dena Burlingame: I.U.S.B.

Greg Busse: Purdue University.

Pat Camp: Western Michigan University.

Tammy Campanello: Getting married.

Tracy Campoli: Purdue University.

Rick Cassella: Ponderosa.

Frank Cataldo: I.U.S.B.

Jennifer Cheyne: Marquette University.

Loretta Clay: Work.

Deb Clindaniel: Working in a factory or an office.

Doug Cogan: Williams College.

Bob Cole: Indiana University.

John Cole: I.U.S.B.

Steve Coleman: Going to Florida.

Hope Collins: Undecided.

Sharon Comer: Williams Products.

Becky Cook: Indiana University.

Steve Cooper: contractor.

Joe Correia: Purdue University.

Kathy Coulter: Ball State University.

Linda Craft: Secretarial work.

Tami Craig: Work.

Geneele Crump: Oberlin College.

Dean Daniels: Indiana University.

Kelly Davis: I.U.S.B.

Nicki DeFrancesco: University of Texas

Steve Delks: College.

Tony Delserone: The College of William & Mary.

Andy Dickey: Winlite Inc.

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Joe Donnell: Purdue University.

Dian Doutlick: Purdue University.

Tim DuFour: I.U.S.B.

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David Yoder
Cory Yoder
Deb Young
Gregg Young



Kim Young
William Young
Jolene Zehr
Marjorie Zeitler



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Tina Dygert: receptionist.
Tammy Eaton: Work at a bank.
Rob Edlund: Rex College.
Mike Ehert: Ball State University.
Julie Elliot: DePauw University.
Marilyn Elliot: The Learning Tree Day Care Center.
Mike Esberg: Art school.
Beth Evans: Maurek's IGA.
Karol Everett: DePauw University.
Tim Feller: Hoss R.U. repair.
Karen Ferguson: University of Kentucky.
Teresa Ferró: Elcona Foods.
Mike Fioritto: Arizona State.
Tim Flynn: In music.
Terri Fons: DePauw University.
Mary Francell: University of Notre Dame.
David Frankenberger: Army.
Bonnie Free: College.
Rick Frey: Feris State or Eastern Michigan.
Deann Garman: Jone's IGA.
Kenton Getz: Pilot.
Jim Goodsene: Ball State

University.
Betty Gordon: Work.
Deb Gordy: Work.
Dan Gould: Work.
Leslie Granger: Ball State University.
Rusty Green: Indiana State University.
Eric Greenman: Ball State University.
Charlie Habic: I.U.S.B.
Chris Habic: Work.
Clara Hadley: Indiana University.
Jim Hammon: University of Evansville.
Steve Hamood: Purdue University.
Mark Hapner: Deliver vans for Gerring.
Chuck Hardy: Marines.
Jim Hart: Work at Firestone.
Mark Hartman: Art at Goshen College.
Glenda Hastings: I.U.S.B.
Pat Hawley: Putnam Imports.
Teresa Heaton: Office work.
Dutch Heinhuis: University of Kansas.
Laura Hemphill: I.U.S.B.
Theresa Hemphill: Beauty shop.
Brian Herbert: First National Bank.
Randy Herron: University of Notre

Dame.
Gary Higbee: Purdue University.
Kent Hillard: Work Jedco, Inc.
Fred Hillman: Work.
Brad Holcomb: Northern Texas State University.
Eddie Holt: Durango Colorado.
Scott Homan: University of Alabama.
Dave Hostetter: Hesston College.
Melie Hough: Probably work.
Pete Hruby: Purdue University.
Dave Huber: Indiana University.
Bill Hudnall: Work at Elcona Foods.
Kathy Janecka: University of Denver.
Sandi Jessie: Work as a secretary.
Cathy Johnson: Elkhart Institute of Technology.
Julie Johnson: I.U.S.B.
Stephanie Johnson: Indiana University.
Teresa Johnson: Dairy Queen.
Bill Johnson: University of Tennessee.
Jeff Juillerat: Ball State University.
Kelly Kelsey: Navy.
John Kidder: Star

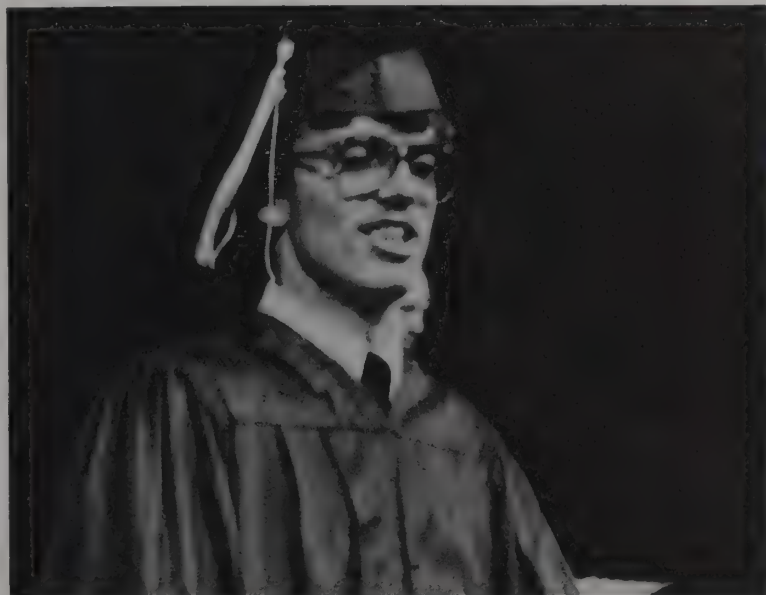
Machine.
Barry Kierman: I.U.S.B.
Nancy Kilbert: Ball State University.
Jeff Kinder: television broadcasting or production.
Mike Kindy: Associated Airline.
Kriss Kirby: maybe I.U.S.B.
Lasondra Kyle: work.
Marty Lensen: Conversion plant.
Jorma Latva: University of Helsinki in 1980.
Jim Leeling: Indiana University.
Diane Lenhart: Secretarial work.
Dolly Lenox: I.U.S.B.
Kim Lidy: Ball State University.
Bob Lievore: Technological school.
Brian Linton: Indiana University.
Donna Lochmandy: Rollins College.
Linda Longcor: career center.
Tad Lovan: Furman University.
Kelby Love: Indiana University.
Barb Loxterman: Indiana University.
Mike Magyar: Dave's Arko.

Rick Marshall: Purdue University.
Marci Martin: Purdue University.
Rob Mathias: Furman University.
Bill Matthews: Texas State.
Dan Matz: Work.
Mike McAfee: University of Evansville.
Sherrie McCabe: Purdue University.
Chris Merchant: college.
Julie Metz: Purdue University.
Wendy Metzger: Working at Sailors.
Dave Miller: Purdue University.
Burke Mitchell: Indiana University.
Laird Monteith: Ohio Institute of photography.
Tony Moore: Waldrof College.
Pat Moore: Work at Martins.
Scot Moore: Purdue University.
Denise Moorhead: Work.
Marc Morgan: Indiana University.
Pam Moyer: Work.
David Munn: Ball State University.
John Namisnak: University of Colorado.
Charlie Neilson: Albion College.
Donna Neilson: Ball State University.
Amy Nelson: Bowling Green College.

Fran Nelson: Work.
Georgia Nelson: Montgomery Wards.
Luanne Nelson: I.U.P.U.
Diana Nickler: Ball State University.
Steve Nielson: Drive a truck.
Bill Nolan: University of Notre Dame.
Brian Nomay: college.
Brian Noren: C/P Products.
Cathy Noyes: Modern Machine.
Karin Nystrand: Moody Bible Institute.
Karen Oliver: International Jr. College.
Barb Owens: Northwestern University.
Neil Perron: Indiana University.
Amy Pickett: work at a bank.
Dan Piety: Indiana University.
Chris Pittman: Alabama State.
Kelly Platz: Indiana University.
Laurie Potterbaum: Study health occupations.
Ted Prange: Indiana University.
Phil Pressler: I.U.S.B.
Marc Pritchard: Indiana University.
Pat Rahn: U.S. Army
Bob Ramsey: Trade school.
Chris Ramzy: Indiana University.

Craig Ray: Kendall School of Design.
Esther Reed: Holiday Rambler.
Lori Rheinheimer: Purdue University.
Brenda Rice: Work at K-Mart.
Donna Robin: Ball State University.
Jimmy Robinson: Indiana State University.
Mitch Robinson: Brakeman on the Railroad.
Steve Rogers: Trailer Factory.
Eleanor Rose: Purdue University.
Joe Ross: I.U.S.B.
Jim Roth: Work.
Craig Ruch: Construction crew.
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Pat Ryan: Indiana University.
Steve Sachs: Southern Illinois University.
Mike Sanders: Elkhart Machine & Tool.
Dave Schlundt: Arizona State.
Jeff Scoville: Work.
Mike Shanholt: Vincennes University.
Jamie Shaw: University of Tampa.
Boris Sherelis: Purdue University.
Tom Schoff: Electronics Trade School.
Trace Simmons: Michigan Christian College.
Carol Sims: Michigan College of Commerce.
Dave Singleton: I.U.S.B.
John Sipe: Manchester.
John Skarha: Purdue University.
Deb Smith: DePauw University.
Karen Smith: International Business College.
Kathy Smith: Work at Pantry.
Karen Southworth: Indiana University.
Steve Spano: University of Notre Dame.
Chuck Sproull: Purdue University.
Steve Staal: East Texas State.
Amy Stephenson: I.U.S.B.
Eileen Stephenson:

Miami of Ohio.
Cheryl Stouder: college.
Elaine Stokel: Purdue University.
Fondra Story: University of Notre Dame.
Ronda Story: Work at Fountain View.
Corey Sutton: Waldrof Jr. College.
Carol Szobocsan: Western Michigan University.
Lori Temple: Ball State University.
Marianne Terlep: University of Arkansas.
Sue Thompson: Indiana University.
Michele Thursby: Purdue University.
Becky Vamos: Hanover College.
Kathryn Van Dyke: Indiana University.
Lanni Van Patton: Work.
Karen VanSkyhock: Secretary.
Ed Van Wormer: Kirt's on a drill press.
Leslie Vite: St. Mary's College.
Valerie Wain: Purdue University.
Vaughn Wamsley: Indiana University.
Mike Wargo: Ball State University.
Nancy Watson: Hillsdale College.
Danny Weaver: Double T. Manufacturing.
Fred Weber: Mold & Die.
Sharon Weber: Indiana University.
Pat Welch: Indiana University.
Hugh Wells: U.S. Marine Corps.
Gary Whittaker: Navy.
Tony White: Ivy Tech.
Janet Wilson: Take care of my family.
Becky Wiskotoni: Arkansas State.
Mike Yeakey: Wabash College.
Cory Yoder: Indiana University.
Dave Yoder: Goshen College.
Tony Yoder: Wilt's.
Deb Young: Indiana University.
Gregg Young: I.V.T.C.
Bill Young: Brick Laying.
Jolene Zehr: Indiana State University.
Marjorie Zeitler: Work.



Senior Dave Lowry proudly receives his diploma at the Rice Field commencement on May 22.

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The class of '78 signified their final day with an original form of farewell, designated as Aloha Day! Aloha, a Hawaiian term, has several different meanings. The seniors defined Aloha to mean "until we meet again."

A majority of the seniors wore wild and exotic clothing, which created a Tahitian atmosphere. Rick Frey traveled to and from his classes with two coconut shells dangled from his shoulders. Several teachers joined the celebration by wearing what they believed to be Hawaiian.

After tossing down a frisbee he found on the roof, Boris Sherelis leaps to the ground.

Enjoying their free time out of English class, seniors bask in the hot May sunny morning.





Displaying some of Aloha Day are seated, Rick Frey, and Donna Lochmandy; standing, Brent Boyer and Deb Garman.

Jennifer Cheyne celebrates her final day by sitting in the warm sun and munching on McDonalds.



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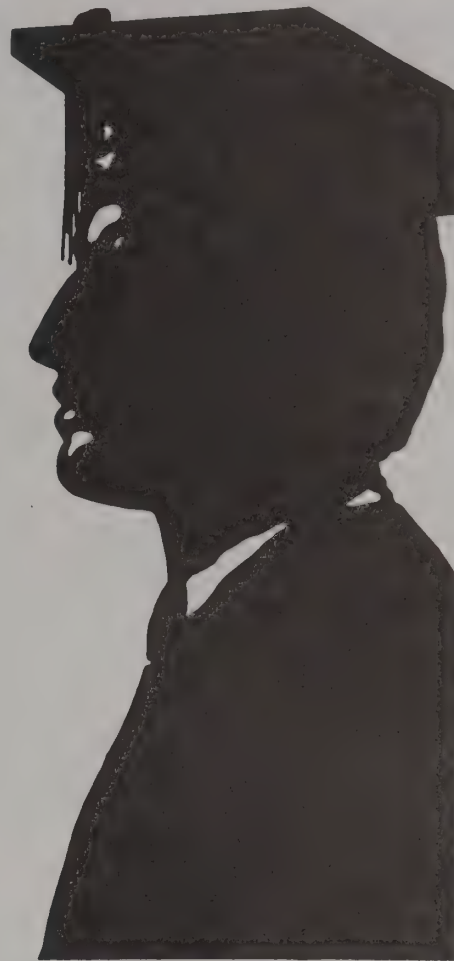
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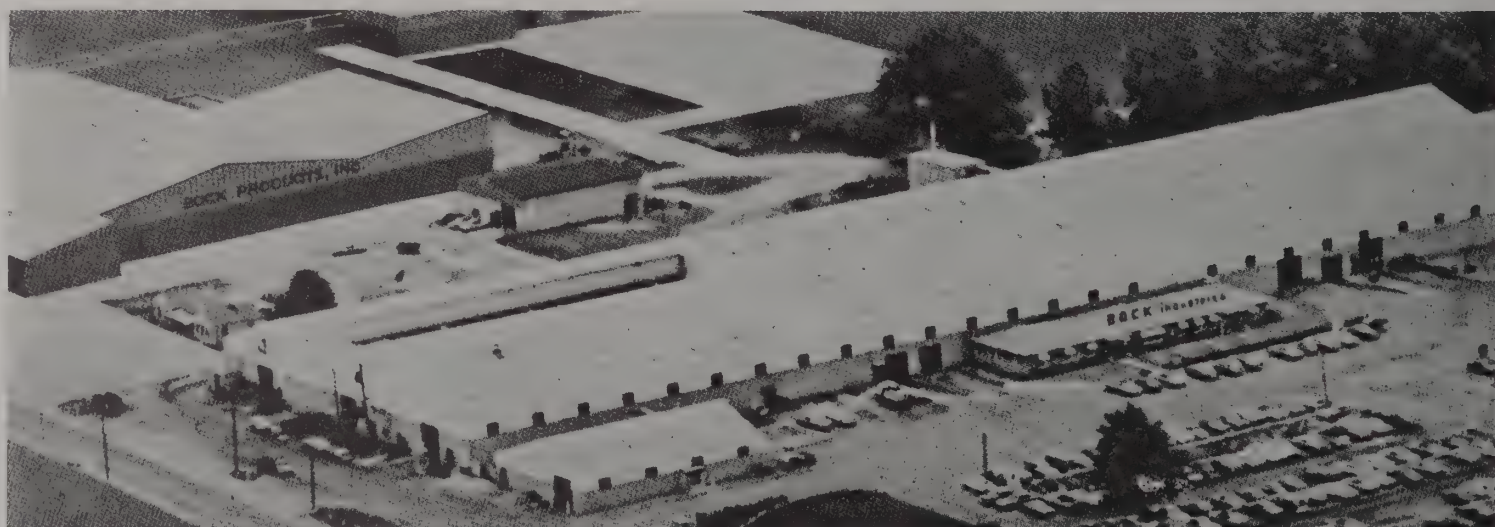


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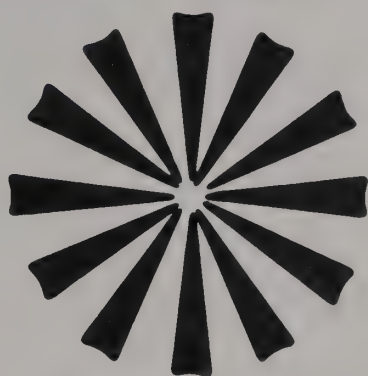
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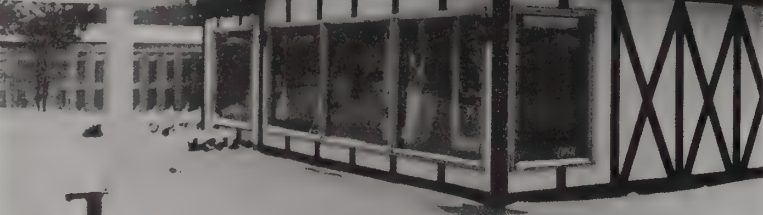
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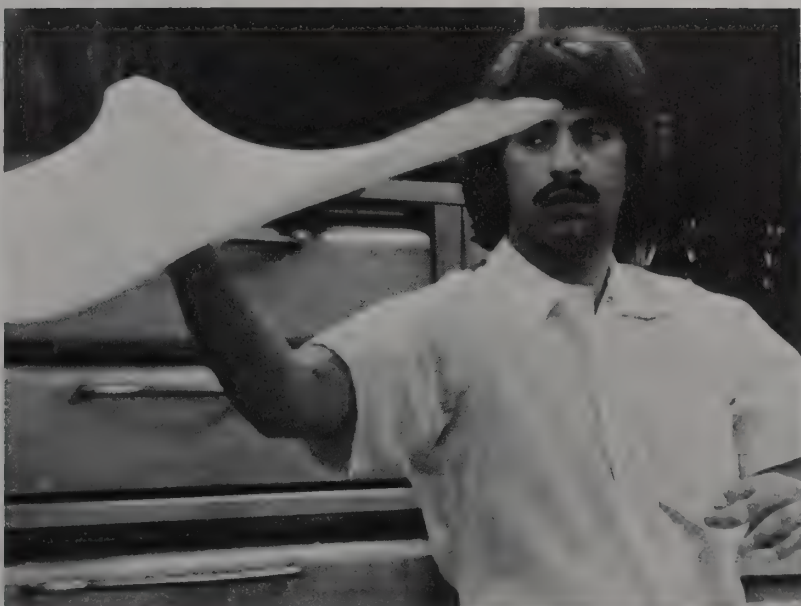
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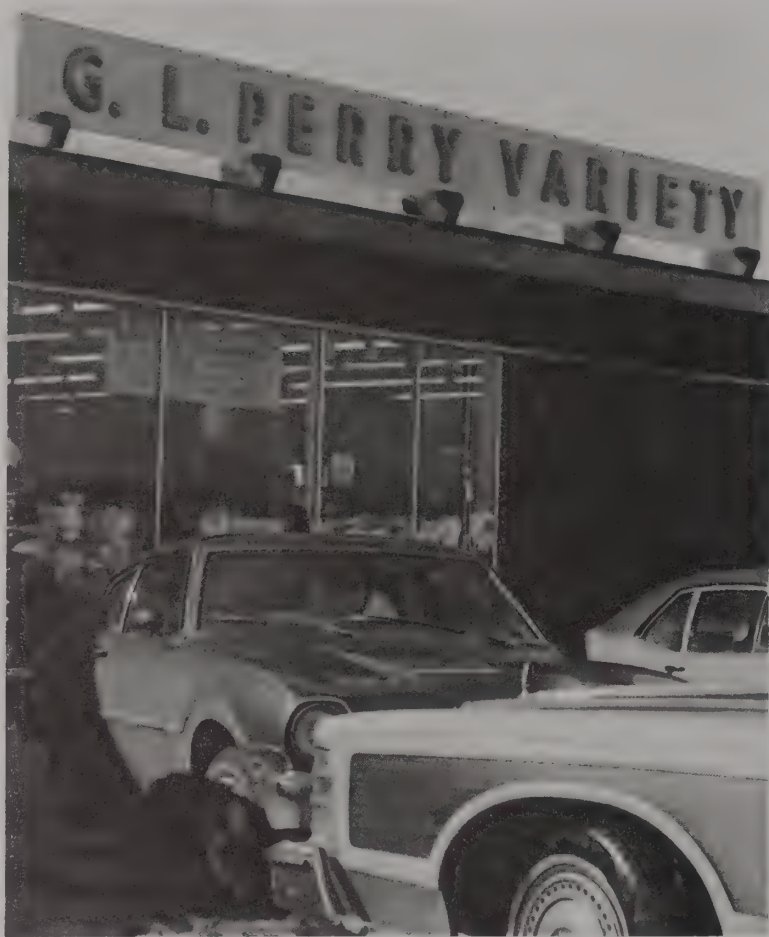
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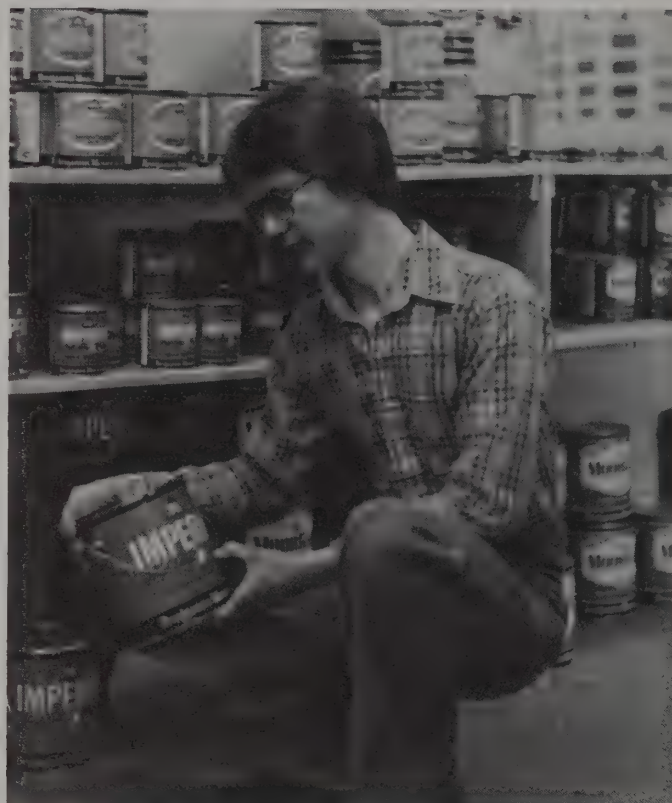
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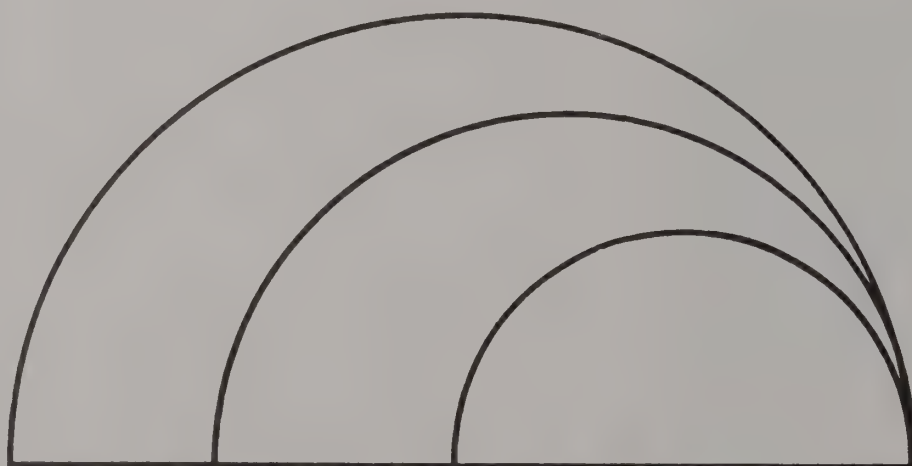
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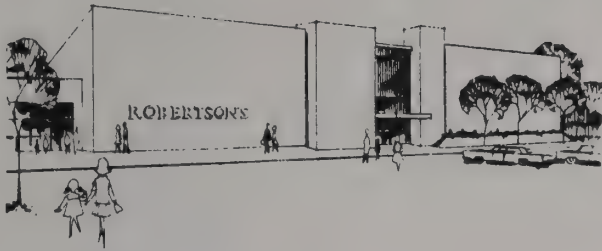
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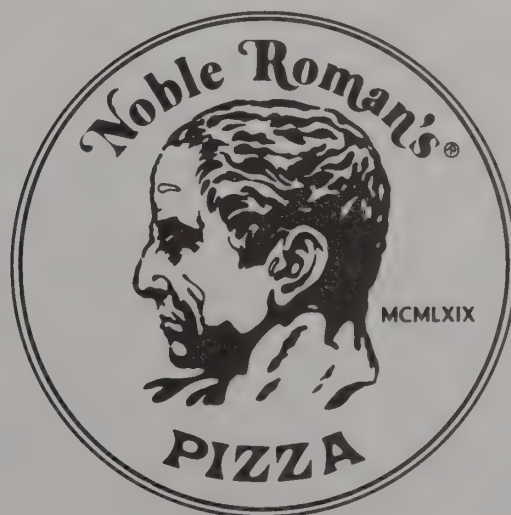
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Getting ready to catch a frisbee is Mitch Beaver during the noon hour in September.

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Criss,
We we've
made it through
another year. I
don't believe we
are SENIORS!
It took long,
but we finally
made it. I've had
a lot of fun over
the years + hope
our friendship
continues to
grow. I'll always
remember great
times like lunch,
whos driving
today, gump,

going to your cottage, etc. I never
forget my high school years + I'm
glad you were a part of it. Take
care + good luck in the future. I
hope everything goes good for you.

Love
Linda
Duvall
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breezin'

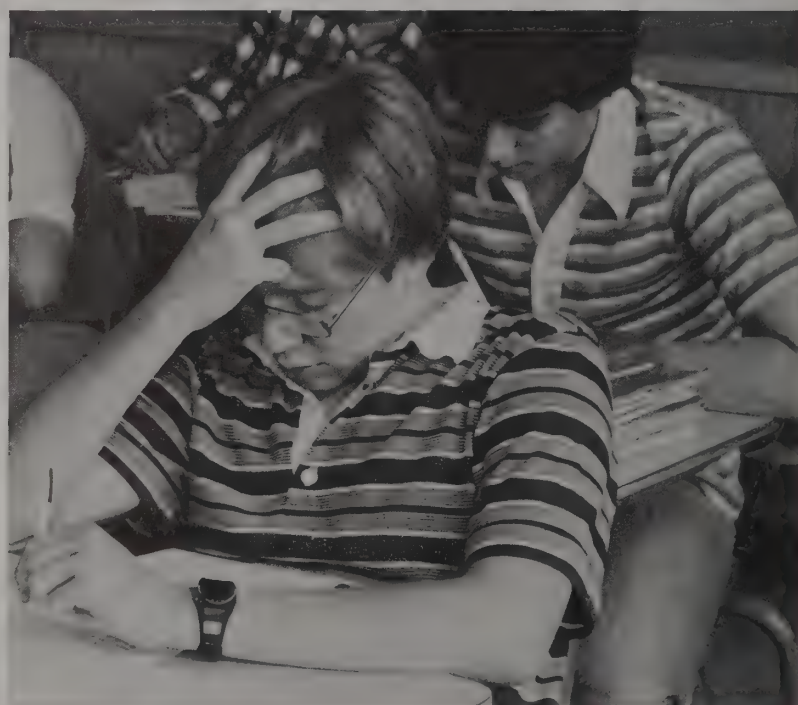
Through the colorful fall, legendary winter and hesitant spring, Blazers shared the triumphs and tragedies of being high school students. Their comradeship was carefree.

A summer breeze brought the winds of change. The air of serenity and contentedness that had captivated the spirit of Elkhart Central was quietly blown away with the graduating class of 404 seniors.

But captivated in memories, that feeling still prevails. This was a year for "breezin'."



"Happiness is the end of the school year," according to Georgia Nelson.



"Hump day" was celebrated at the peak of each week (usually Wednesday, noon) in front of room F207.

Slaving over their papers in English class, John Yoder and Dave Raab represent the typical serious students.

Chris Peterman, Kathy Wello and Margaret Pelton have discovered that working together is much easier.

After eating lunch, playing frisbee on the lawn was the most popular noontime activity.

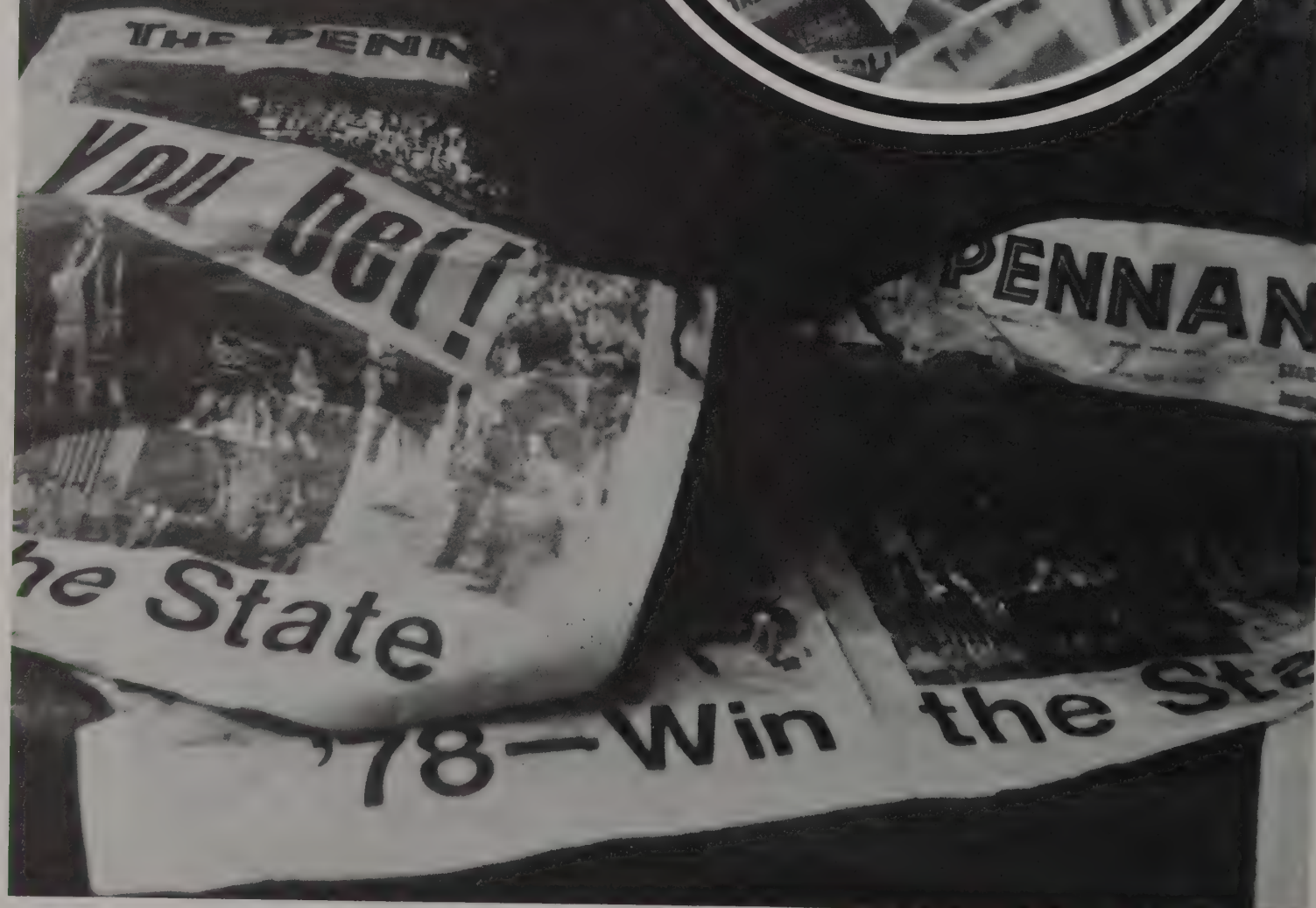
Paul Koehler enjoys the company of Leslie Nelson on the bench outside the main entrance.



Gathering in groups outdoors to study or just chat after lunch became a popular pastime.

Trying with all his might, Todd Yoder attempts to fly the kite he constructed in Geometry class.

Many activities revolved around the state basketball championship. Greg Parish, Gino Lucchese and Marc Pritchard contribute their part to a prestate pep session. The specially designed **Pennant** newspaper was read by Blazer fans at Market Square during the opponents' line-up. Found on the stairs after the game were the mementoes of 1978—crumpled newspapers and limp shakers.



I really do
 want to graduate
 because I'm
 not so much
 a
 5.0

Criss,
 A really super, crazy,
 cute, and nice friend,
 I really don't
 know you that well,
 but I hope to get
 to know you better
 this year.
 Lotsa luck after
 you graduate!
 Tina

Criss,
 To a girl with a Hell of a
 Body and what a pair.... of legs
 that a sweetie, I can explain the
 way I feel because I have to go through
 the rest of the Day without getting sick
 in Just kidding Your just a great
 Person to be around and just plain crazy
 thanks for being that way Have a great
 time your SENIOR YEAR TAKE CARE
 Love Jfa

Jfa

Criss,
 Well so far so good. We're making it to
 our senior year. I wouldn't have been
 able to make this far without you either.
 Man we laughed so hard at some of
 the really crazy-fun things that we've
 done together and the long talks that
 we've had. Thank God I got to meet you.
 You know that if you never said that
 word, high pitched to HTI's word I have
 thought you were a boring quiet person.
 WDW - Man look out I slept
 O'Connell are out on the town.
 Dig it man we're a duo and there
 no way do change it. I really don't
 know how to let you. You mean alot
 to me so don't ever forget our really
 special friendship. Some day when we
 89 and you go we meet at some really
 special place. Or I know, Bama game. You?

I know Green Bean was really a great pal
 too! HT HT is that we would have done without
 Bean? Well Criss I'm going to miss you alot
 when we're gone our separate ways, but don't
 be surprised if I call on a Friday night and

Chris,
 though I do not
 really know you
 that well, I can see
 that you are a really
 nice guy. Hope that we
 can become better friends.
 good luck. See Beavers

Criss,
 I don't know what
 to say but; Good Luck, Good
 Life, Good Health, Good Times,
 Good Deal, Good Night! See ya
 'round.

Law,
 Bunny (Marla)

Criss,
 You are a super
 nice person. Make your
 senior year a great one.
 Good luck in
 whatever comes along.

Julie
 Campbell

Good luck,
 and
 I hope
 you
 have
 a
 great
 senior
 year.
 Cathie
 Campbell

Criss,
 To a Real cute
 girl. With a good
 P.A. Keep it up.
 Love
 Holly.

CRISS
 You've been a
 good friend
 for a long
 time & you've
 been great.
 Maybe we
 can baby-
 sit during
 a thunder
 storm
 sometime.
 TAKE CARE
 this is our
 best year
 Love
 HYOA
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To Criss,
 the sweetest around.
 You are a great person, because
 you have all the love that are like that.
 people that I know that are like that.
 you have all the love that are like that.
 of a youngster except that you're a
 real woman inside. Stay that way.
 I now you can. Love always
 Marilyn 19 year! Whew!
 Finally making!

CRISS -

MAYBE ONE OF THESE
 DAYS WE'LL FIGURE OUT
 WHATS GOING ON IN
 SCIENCE. GOOD LUCK
 AND LIVE IT UP IN
 YOUR SENIOR YEAR

- GARY DORRIS

CRISS,
 YOU'RE A SUPER
 FUNNY GIRL! YOU
 ALWAYS MAKE ME LAUGH.
 I'M GLAD WE MET!
 "80"
 LOVE YA,
 BECKY SHAW

Criss,
 Thanks for all
 the great times
 and good memories.

Criss,
 Wow! It's almost
 over. Remember when
 you got your drivers
 license in 9th grade?
 Nobody could believe
 it! You're really into
 and a lot of fun to fiddlebug
 with. Stay at Richards
 for awhile. Matt could be
 back someday. Bye!

Criss (Fig)
 Don't forget all our great
 times. I hope your goldfish
 never dies because everytime
 he swims around his bowl
 and blows bubbles you'll remember
 me! Friendships will always
 last if you put them first, and
 you're tops! I hope in your
 future that there are many
 great years and that you
 find that pot of gold at
 the end of your rainbow!
 Love ya lots
 Nancy
 "79"

Criss, you are great
 person and
 hope you go far
 hope you stay sweet
 and happy love
 Michelle

Criss
 This is our year.
 Let's use it wisely. You
 real nice and I'm
 glad to know.
 Good-luck
 Love
 Duff

Criss.
 You're A NICE
 AND SWEET
 young lady (ACTUALLY
 dumb girl)
 Good Luck etc...
 Love
 "CURTIS"

Dear Criss,
 I can't help but think
 about St. Thomas (Points.)
 Seniors already!
 You're a really sweet
 friend and choir pal!
 Good-luck! Love, Cathy

Criss favorite
 to my friend
 blazerette pic's were in
 since we sure had a fun time
 in remember it. You're a sweet
 and I miss with a real sweet
 really kiddo brother. Love, Stetel
 (79 time)
 Kiddo brother. Love, Stetel
 really kiddo brother. Love, Stetel
 really kiddo brother. Love, Stetel

